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Latest poll puts Tories ahead

Tax deadlock as Major is put on defensive

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

were deadlocked in an inconclusive series of ex-changes about taxation

yesterday.

John Major refused to promise that a Conservative government would not increase the overall burden of direct and indirect tax and Neil Kinnock called for the resignation of the Chancellor over reports that the Tories' spending plans would not be covered by its tax receipts.

The prime minister denied the reports and ruled out any VAT increase by the next Tory government. However, Labour leader said the VAT cat had been let out of the bag. "It has always been clear that if they were re-elected the Conservatives would have to raise VAT. It is the only way that their sums can begin to add up." Paddy

Killer wife

is freed A woman who drugged her him to death with a rolling pin and then buried him in the back garden was cleared of murder. She was put on probation for manslaughter. Luton crown court had been told that June Scotland had suffered years of mental torture from her husband, who had also sexually abused their daughter. As she left

Cricket date

BSKyB, which has exclusive rights to screen the cricket world cricket, is to allow BBC1 to show highlights of tomorrow morning's final between England and Pakistan tomorrow morning. They will be shown on Sportsnight, which begins at Diary, page 14
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Cancer survey

The Imperial Cancer Research Fund is to undertake the world's biggest study to determine whether there is a link between the pill or hormone replacement therapy and breast cancer. The charity will coordinate information gathered from 40 studies involving more than 60,000 women..... Page 3

Black anger

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The first round of power sharing negotiations in the wake of South Africa's referendum broke down when black leaders rejected a limited advisory role in an interim government. They accused President de Klerk of reneging on a promise to form a multiracial Page 13

Libyan offer

Libya has offered to hand over the two men suspected of the Lockerbie bombing to the Arab League, in line with a suggestion from the United Nations secretary-general......Page 13

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Matthew Parris regrets the passing of dirty tricks. Full

Life and Times.

Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, was equally critical of Labour's taxation policies. He said that he would not join any govern-ment which had a "crazy eco-nomic policy" and added that the prospect that people earning £27,000 a year should pay tax of 49 per cent was "most worrying". He criti-cised Labour for planning "swingeing taxes on the mid-

After a day in which the Conservative leader was forced on to the defensive by Labour's taxation attacks and trade figures that did not match City expectations, a Harris opinion poll for to-day's Daily Express gave the Tories a five-point lead over Labour. The survey of 1,077 people, conducted yesterday and on Sunday, measured Tory support at 43 per cent, with Labour on 38 per cent, the Liberal Democrats on 15 per cent and others on 4 per-

Ministers were hoping that the Harris findings were the first indication that their campaign on Labour's tax policies was beginning to bear fruit, but Labour argued last night that Harris' findline with other pollsters. e at odds with a Mori poll of ten marginal seats for Yorkshire Television which found a swing to Labour of 8.5 per cent, enough to assure Mr Kinnock of a governing majority

uniform swing. The Mori poll also found the Tories rated only 2 per cent better than Labour at running the econo-my, traditionally an area where the Conservatives score

Government hopes of ecomamic recovery were boosted by a big rise in both exports and imports, but official fig-ures published yesterday still showed the monthly deficit on visible trade was stuck

above £1 billion last month. The current account, which encompasses trade in visible goods and invisibles, such as banking, insurance and shipping, showed a deficit of £750 million last month and the deficit for January was re-vised up to £858 million. Share prices fell sharply after the announcement as the City had expected the deficit to be

By the close of trading, however, the FT-SE100 in-dex of leading shares had recouped some of its losses to stand at 2,441.0, down 15.6 against the mark, finishing more than a quarter pfennishigher at DM2.8646. Mr Major seized on the

silver lining elements in the ports were sharply up and that the biggest rise in im-ports was in capital goods, indicating that firms were reequipping because they saw end. "What is excellent is the continued growth in exports. That's very good. There was a substantial increase over the

with 12 months ago." Mr Kinnock called the trade figures "quite dreadful" and said they showed the sibly slipping backwards". The government, he said, was digging an ever deeper hole and leaving Labour to clear up the mess.

last three months compared

The Conservatives shifted Continued on page 18. coi 6

British Gas chief gets 17.6% pay rise

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND ROSS TIEMAN

THE British Gas chairman Robert Evans accepted a 17.6 per cent pay rise, to £435,222, last year despite the criticism of his 66 per cent

increase in 1990. The increase swiftly rekin-died the dispute over big pay rises for executives in former state industries and made it a general election issue last night. John Major issued a rebuke, saying that although pay levels must be a maner for the firms concerned, chairmen "should exercise leadership in questions of

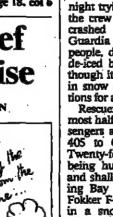
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At the same time privatised industry chiefs were challenged to publish details of their salaries and perks before the election.

The rise was criticised by consumer groups and the trade unions and Gordon Brown, shadow trade and industry secretary, alleged that the true price of privatisation



er by the day. The latest rise. which is the first reported by a privatised utility this year, included a 6.6 per cent increase in Continued on page 18, col 4



for help. "excess" was becoming clear-

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Destination unknown: Labour party aides touring the West End of London in an open-top bus yesterday AA man spots Indians smuggled in by lorry

HOME OFFICE immigration officials today will con-sider the future of 16 illegal Indian immigrants spotted by an AA patrolman climb-ing out of the back of a long-

INVESTIGATORS were last night trying to establish why the crew of an airliner that darkness at an M4 service crashed at New Yorks La Guardia airport, killing 27 station near London. The men who speak only Punjabi are likely to be re-turned to India. The Danish people, did not have the jet de-iced before take-off, even though it had been standing in snow and freezing condi-tions for at least half an hour. driver of the lorry has also been held by police as investigators try to discover how

27 die in

icebound

jet crash

BY JAMES BONE

IN NEW YORK

AND HARVEY ELLIOTT

Rescuers marvelled that almost half the number of passengers aboard USAir flight 405 to Cleveland survived. Twenty-four escaped after being hurled into the mud and shallow waters of Flushing Bay as the twin-engine Fokker F-28 tried to take off in a snowstorm. Witnesses said most of the petrol-soaked survivors waded ashore and walked about a mile to an airport terminal. Four others crawled to a motorway near by and flagged down a van

The bodies of those who died were recovered from the partially submerged wreckage, some charred and still strapped into their seats. "The aircraft was just ripped apart so bad, I couldn't believe there were any," George Dav-enport, a police diver, said. "The wreckage was a quarter mile, maybe a half a mile long. Everything was in flames," he said. A wing Continued on page 18, col 2

their destination because the vehicle had stopped. The lorry was part of a convoy of four coming to Britain from Copenhagen with a mixed consignment of windistance lorry under cover of dows, cakes and confectionery. Police believe that

only one lorry contained immigrants. The convoy started off on Saturday, drove through Germany and into The Netherlands to reach the Hook of Holland. The lorries arrived many immigrants were in the consignment and the route of at Harwich at 6am on Sunday on a Dutch ferry. Later that night they were parked at the lorry. One witness suggested that as many as 30 the service station when the immigrants, well-dressed and immigrants tried to leave.

Steve Lawrence, an AA night patrolman, was in the lorry park when he heard chattering noises. He said: "I clutching baggage, climbed out from the lorry as it stood parked at the Heston service was just opening up my flask The Indians are the latest group of illegal immigrants to of coffee when I heard this excited chattering. I looked reach Britain by hiding inside vehicles in rackets organised from Europe. Attempts are up and saw them coming out of the back of a lorry parked being made by the Home Office to improve detection in front of me. I couldn't comprehend what was happening at first. They were filing out of the back of the methods at ports as restrictions on frontier controls are lorry like a load of paras.
"I wanted to phone the police — but I didn't want to

be seen on the phone. They

had cut their way out of the lorry - so it was obvious one

of them had a knife. And I

guessed they were illegal im-

migrants wanting to come to

the country. I was worried

they might be desperate." To

avoid being seen he lay lay on

planned for the start of 1993. One man being questioned told investigators that he had booked his passage with a Romanian in Germany and paid about £170 to get to Wolverhampton. Last night there was speculation that the men, aged between 20 and 42, cut their way out of the canvas sides of the lorry assuming they had reached

station, west of London.

the floor of his cab dialling 999 on a mobile telephone. Lars Andersen, the driver of a Danish lorry, said: "We are positive that they broke into the lorry in Holland."

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Is one of two madonnas from Leonardo's studio a true masterpiece? Life & Times

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Millionaires win, doctors lose, with Labour

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY
- ECONOMICS EDITOR

A HEADTEACHER or doctor carning £40,000 a year would pay more in additional taxes to a Labour government than a millionaire living on a private income of £100,000. This seeming anomaly results from a lastminute decision by John Smith to load his main tax burdens onto middle-class employees, while protecting people on private incomes and the

self-employed.

Many of the TV personalities, barristers and company directors who have backed Labour would therefore pay relatively little, while the senior public servants and middle managers, perceived by Labour strategists as irredeemably Conservative voters,

would be the hardest hit. The £40,000 headteacher would pay an extra £1,700 a year as a result of Mr Smith's proposals. A married millionaire, with £2 million invested in the stock market to produce a dividend income of £100,000, would pay only £1,680 extra, even if he does not take advantage of the tax shelters Labour has pledged to retain for the life of the next parliament. By putting part of their capital into personal equity plans and taking advantage of capital gains tax allowances, the millionaire family could reduce their tax liability by a further £13,000 annually. The total cost to them of Mr Smith's proposals would be £400.

There are two principal reasons for the contrast in tax treatment between wealthy people living on investment incomes and the employed middle class. The first is Mr Smith's unexpected decision to exempt investment incomes from his new 9 per cent national insurance tax. Self-employed taxpayers, including most of

from the new national insurance tax. For employed taxpayers, by contrast, the national insurance levy will make up the lion's share of the extra tax burden. An employee would have to earn more than £210,000, before his income taxes in the new 50p top bracket exceeded his extra national insurance contributions. A Harley Street consultant who earned

£100,000 a year outside the national

health service would generally pay a

the highest earners in the arts and professions, would also be exempted

smaller share of his income to Labour than a GP on £40,000. A second big difference arises from a long-standing anomaly in Britain's tax treatment of married couples. Most industrialised countries, including Germany, France and America, allow married couples to split their entire incomes between the two partners so as to take advantage of

lower tax brackets, as shown in the Times comparison of international taxes last Friday. But in Britain only investment income can be split between a husband and wife. Couples enjoying investment incomes of up to £70,000 should be able to avoid Labour's higher taxes. The self-employed can share their

incomes with spouses by making them partners, or can avoid higherrate taxes by forming companies taxed at only 25 to 33 per cent.

David Greene, senior partner of Martin Greene Ravden, an accountancy firm specialising in media and literary clients, said: "This will be the first time that earned income is taxed at a higher tate than unearned income - and under a Labour government. The unfairness will be obvious to all. It will only be a matter of time before the government has to level

Police fear border control changes

Immigrants risk all as human cargo dispatched to UK

ILLEGAL immigrants desperate to enter Britain in hope of a better life are increasingly being smuggled in as human cargo, hidden in the back of juggernauts or strapped to the underframes

The upsurge is causing concern among officials at the Home Office and senior police officers who fear that the relaxation of EC border controls next year will bring even greater growth in the

Even if the human cargo manages to evade the checks at Britain's east and south coast ports, immigration officers have extended their surveillance to lorry parks out-side the docks and carry out operations in key British citles where illegal immigrants are suspected to gather.

Last year during raids for illegal immigrants, 400 people were found to have been smuggled into the UK compared with 160 in 1990. A total of 6,000 people were found after entry to have breached immigration laws, including those who had overstayed, were working without permission and had entered the country by

The arrest of sixteen Indians at Heston service area on the M4 west of London is the latest in a series of incidents in which illegal immigrants have been caught many miles from their port of entry. In January eight were held at Maidstone in Kent after immigration officers watching a car park saw four men leave a trailer. Four more were hid-

A month earlier, a Belgian lorry driver admitted in court that he had been promised £84 to take four illegal immigrants across the channel. They had hidden behind crates of ink and he dropped them at Membury service station on the M4.

In at least three cases immi-

Stewart Tendler looks at the growth in smuggling

immigrants in the light of yesterday's arrests on the M4

grants have been caught in small inflated vessels off the Kent coast at Broadstairs. In one case a mother and baby were among seven illegal im-migrants found in a rubber dinghy off Broadstairs. Once caught the immigrants are

deported.
Home Office officials believe that the growth in attempts to smuggle people into the UK is a direct result of a growing expenise in spotting people arriving with forged documents. By invest-ing in sophisticated technical equipment that can detect forgeries, training airline and other immigration staff in 40 countries, and working closely with airlines, British immigration officers believe that they have driven people to seek more desperate and dangerous methods to enter

Most of those being smug-



Steve Lawrence, the AA man: alerted by

gled into Britain in lorries are from from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Turkey. So far, there has been little evidence that people from east-ern Europe and the Magreb countries of North Africa are being smuggled in aboard

Anecdotal evidence indicates that each person pays between £1,000 and £3000 for the entire trip, which usually involves those from the Indian sub-continent flying to Germany before being transported across Europe to channel ports such as the Hook of Holland, Ostend, Zeebrugge and Rostock and then across to ports like Har-wich and Dover.

The drive across Europe takes advantange of cursory border checks between EC countries with drivers offered up to £1,000 cash to smuggie illegals into Britain.

It is suspected that illegal immigrants from outside western Europe are exploiting the German constitution, which allows all asylum seek-ers a safe haven. Once in the EC, bogus refugees then pay smugglers to be taken to

As part of efforts to combat smuggling, immigration offi-cers conduct sudden purges at ports in which every long arriving from the continent is checked. In some cases officers in unmarked cars watch other inland points close to

They have also worked with the metropolitan police in bringing to court 16 couriers who have been convicted and sentenced to up to two years in prison. In the UK, immigration officers have been involved in a series of high profile swoops aimed at de-taining suspected illegal immigrants. Last year 74 foreigners wer held in a raid on a south London factory.

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Held for questioning: two police officers escorting one of 16 men discovered leaving a lorry on the M4

Lawless Punjab offers easy way out

PUNJABIS trying to enter Britain illegally often use an easily traced network of crooks specialising in fraudulent passports and visas, many of them operating behind the facade of legitimate travel agencies

travel agencies. The going rate for a British visa is 150,000 rupees (£3,000), a vast amount by local standards. Only American visas cost more - usually around 200,000 rupees. The visas are usually obtained from stolen passports, or passports sold to visa touts In all the big cities of Pun-iah, travel agents offering fraudulent visas are generalThe black market in stolen passports and visas is big business in parts of India, Christopher Thomas reports from Delhi

to escape the violence of

ly well known. In the lawless tmosphere, with police easily bribed, there is no serious prospect of legal action.
Italian visas used to be the easiest to obtain; once there,

illegal immigrants were put in contact with middle-men who would smuggle them into Britain. Italy has tightened its visa regulations, bowever, and alternative routes are being constantly tested.

their state. Anybody with money is a target for kidnap-ping and extortion rackets; it is those people who are most desperate to leave, and who have the means.
Visa designs are nowadays offered new hope to illegal immigrants, but visa regula-tions have proved extremely irksome. Businessmen are able to obtain visas reason-ably easily, but tourists find it hard to persuade officials that they are not planning to usually too complex to be copied, and in some com-

copied, and in some countries such as America and Australia can be instantly checked by scanners at airport immigration desks. A visa taken from a stolen passport would be instantly identified. "The cost of false visas has deep substantially in that they are not planning to disappear into an illegal im-migration network for transhas risen substantially, in line with the increased diffiportation to western Europe. Punjabis are the most persistent would-be illegal im-migrants because they want culties involved," a travel agent with close contacts with the racket said.

Curfews in Ulster rejected

The prime minister has ruled out several radical changes in security policy in Northern Ireland including curiews. identity cards and the effective sealing of the border (Edward Gorman writes).

In a written reply to Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist leader, John Major said that while he was not able to agree with many of Mr Paisley's ideas, he in-tends to hold further talks with him if returned to power. A spokesman for Mr Pais-

ley said that Mr Major's tone and detailed consideration of the points put to him was a sign that he was taking the party's views seriously.

Skydive charge

Two organisers of a parachuting display event at Tilstock. in Shropshire, last August ar which John Ward, aged 42, a skydiver of Leighton Buzzard. Bedfordshire, fell 12,000ft to his death, have been jointly charged with manslaughter. Police said that the pair were charged after extensive investigations and would not be identified until they appeared before Whitchurch magistrates on Monday.

Voyager fined

A sailor who led a 1,200-mile voyage from Whitby to the Arctic Circle was fined £400 with £600 costs by Teesside crown court for breaching maritime law. Jack Lam-miman, aged 55, of Whitby, sailed the 62-year-old Helga Maria to Jan Meyen island, Greenland, with four others on board while the ship was under a detention order pending safety checks.

CORRECTION

Lord Hotham is to open the Royal Armouries' travelling exhibition of civil war arms and armour, sponsored by The Times, at a private view at the Town Docks Museum in Hull on April 10, and will not be taking part in the city's civil war re-enactment on April 25, as reported in The Times yesterday. The exhibition will be open to the public in Hull from April 11 to May 31.

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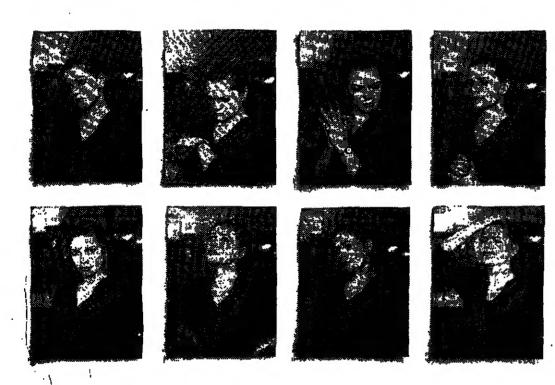
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Mental state of woman who battered husband to death with rolling pin was impaired, court rules

Tormented wife cleared of murder

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A WOMAN who battered her husband to death after being subjected to years of mental torture and then buried the body under a weep-ing willow in the back garden was freed by a coun-yesterday after being cleared of murder.

June Scotland, aged 52, was sentenced to two years probation after being convicted at Luton crown court of the alternative charge of the manslaughter of her husband Thomas, aged 48, on the grounds of diminished

responsibility in 1987. Scotland ground up sleep-ing pills and sickness tablets and put it in his evening meal but when that failed she beat him to death with a

rolling pin.

With the help of her daughter Caroline, aged 21. who received two years pro-bation after admitting pre-venting a lawful burial, she buried him in the back garden of their home in Stevenage, Hertfordshire, where he lay undiscovered for four years until a neigh-bour began to dig founda-tions for a fence.

Mr Justice Garland sentenced her to probation on condition that she lives at a women's refuge in London. He said: "No good whatsoever would be served by seeking to punish you further. You will have to co-operate with the probation service very fully while they assess your needs." He told Caroline, who has a three-year-old daughter. When you were 18 you found yourself in a situation that must have

been impossible, almost an intolerable burden on you." As she left the court through a back entrance Scotland shouted: "I feel

great." Bob Amos, her solicitor, said: She is very re-lieved at the result. She is happy to be reunited with her daughter." Mr Amos said Scotland

was "grateful that the jury had believed three psychiatrists who had given evi-dence that at the time of the killing her mental state had been impaired because of the ordeal she had gone through". The jury was told that Mr Scotland had sexually abused his daughter since she was 11.

Michael Stuart-Moore; QC, for the prosecution, said that Scotland had killed her husband after lacing his meal of Chinese stir-fry with 48 ground-up travel sickness and sleeping tablets. This made him groggy and he went upstairs to lie down:



Scotland: behaviour

from at least 40 previous

that has flared on and off for

years, leaving millions uneasy

Valerie Beral, project lead-er, said that 15,000 women

died from breast cancer in

Britain every year. "Some studies have shown an in-

creased risk of breast cancer

in younger women who have

taken the pill, but studies of

older women who are more

likely to get breast cancer

have not found any effect. It is

clear that whatever the effects

are they are very small. On

the other hand, breast cancer

is so common that even a

small increase in risk would

The study, known as a meta analysis", will compare

30,000 women with breast

cancer and an even larger

be important."

about either drug.

Moments later when his wife appeared in the doorhappened and demanded she call a doctor. She attacked him. Mr Scotland put up a struggle before he died.

Caroline, who had been in the house at the time of her parents fight, appeared on the scene. The women wrapped his body in a tar-patient sheet which they bound with his ties. They dragged it outside to a garden shed. Twenty-four later, at midnight, they dug a shallow grave.

the killing for four years, saying Mr Scotland had suddenly gone to Saudi Arabia to work as a contract electrician. The secret was uncovered on Easter Day last year when a neighbour, erecting a garden fence, un-

Helena Kennedy, QC, for the defence, said Scotland had for years endured the "monstrous behaviour" of a dictatorial and strict hus-band who showed no care or consideration for her, Caroline or the two sons of the

Nigel Eastman, a forensic scientist who interviewed Scotland in Holloway where she was on remand, said that she had received drug medication for depression because of her husband's domineering behaviour. He drank heavily, treated her like a servant and had hit her since the first week of their 22-year marriage.



Ordeal over: Caroline Scotland; left, and her mother June, right, leaving the court yesterday

Sausage lovers sing their praise

BY ROBIN YOUNG

BRITISH sausages, threatened by Eurocrais and suspected by health food enthusiasts, have now proved themselves the most inspirational of foodstuffs. They have provided the raw material, so to speak, for more than 400 new songs entered in the 1992 British Sausage Song

The finals of the event, similar in style and content to the Eurovision song contest but more single-minded, were staged yesterday at the Players' Theatre, Charing Cross, and proved that sausages can stir deep and unsuspected emotions in the nation's com-

posers and lyric writers. The competition was judged by a panel including Richard Stilgoe, the writer of a nifty ditty celebrating "the carnivores' banana" and claiming that while two eggs make the eyes, a tomato the nose, and rashers of bacon moustaches, you need a British sausage for the smile.

The six songs chosen as finalists were equally ingenious, though various in mood. The most upbeat, written by Jim Birmingham, proclaimed in Chas and Dave

Great British sausage that makes Great Britain great There is no better way to fill

up your plate.
Doug Taylor, hailed by the judges as Elvis reborn as a Dewhurst manager, managed a passable imitation of the King craving one last banger at the Heartbreak Hotel with the solo line:

And when I think of the moment that our loving had to end A juicy sausage will be my

Gordon Schofield's ditty, Living in the Saus-Age, tunefully climaxed with the line "and I want to share my sausage with you", while the most emotionally charged was an evocative ballad called Sausages and Tears by John Watts and Fischer Z, only slightly handicapped by the line "I like loss of pork so I

All these paled, though, before a rap number entitled Bangers! and recorded by Cliff Douse under the pseudonym of MC Banger. This item was duly judged Britain's song for a sausage 1992, and Mr Douse will be rewarded with a Yamaha keyboard worth £1,700 and a professional recording

can hardly walk.

In the encouraging words of Richard Stilgoe Don't worry about BSE. John Selwyn Gummer eats them for his tea.

Study launched into pill and breast cancer links

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE world's biggest investi-gation has been launched to find out if women who take group of unaffected women. Dr Beral said: "We are going to look at their history of oral contraceptive use and also at their use of HRT. We shall the pill or hormone replace-ment therapy are at higher risk of developing breast also check their pregnancy history, the number of child-ren they had and how old they were when their first child Mounted by the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, the study will pool all the data

more protection they have studies involving more than against breast cancer. 60,000 women in Britain and overseas. The findings should settle a controversy

Dr Colin Markland, medi-cal adviser to Schering, the of breast cancer. Health target missed A SECOND regional health authority says that it cannot clear its two-year waiting list by April 1. The other 12 of the 14 authorities expect to

since the younger they are the

meet the government's target (Jeremy Laurence writes). West Midlands region had 1,557 patients who had been waiting for more than two years at the end of February. down from 2,232 at the end of January. "We won't treat them all this month but the people left will have appointments," the authority said. It expected to have 700 to 800

left at the end of this month.

Three weeks ago, North East Thames said that it could not clear its two-year list by the April I deadline because of a problem in plastic surgery. It said that it needed until the

world's biggest pill manufac-turer, said: "Naturally, we

shall be very interested to see

the outcome of this study."

Linda Edwards, director of

the National Osteoperosis So-

ciety, which advocates hor-

mone replacement therapy to

counter the effects of the

the study. She said that the

expert consensus was that taking HRT for up to ten

end of June. In the West Midlands, the drive to cut waiting lists is led by John Yates, adviser to the health department until he resigned last year over the decision to make eliminating the two-year lists the priority. He said needier patients. might be denied treatment to accommodate others who

Baby was stabbed 80 times

MOTHER, abandoned by her "highly critical" lover, stabbed her six-month-old son 80 times, an Old Bailey judge was told yesterday. "He will be better off with God." she told friends afterwards. Leonora Taylor, aged 29, of

Croydon, Surrey, had been under the care of health visi-tors, social workers and rehabilitation workers because she had suffered for years from manic depression. "There can be no criticism of the level of social and nursing support you had," Mr Justice John Leonard said. Colin Morgan, the father of

the boy; sat in the public gallery. Heather Hallett, QC, for the prosecution, said that once Dominic was born in January last year Morgan failed to live with her and his visits grew less and less. When he did turn up he was highly critical of Miss Taylor and taunted her. He told her she was a "hopeless" mother and this destroyed her confidence, said Miss Hallett. In

fact she was loved her baby. The judge ordered that Miss Taylor, who admitted manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility. should be kept in a secure mental unit without limit of

Site of Orkney rituals 'found'

OFFICIALS of the Royal Scottish Society for the Pre-vention of Cruelty to Children believe that they may have discovered the site on Orkney where children were alleged to have been subjected to ritu-

An informant was said to have given information that led police and society investigators to an isolated spot beside an old quarry. It was under observation at the weekend. The site was on the island of South Ronaldsay, home of the nine children seized in dawn raids by social workers in February last year.

- The latest allegations made to the society; from an un-named informant, are understood to have claimed that the site was being used as a gathering place for a paedophile ring. A spokesman for the society said: "Information was received from a source we consider to be reliable. This was passed on to the proper authorities who acted accordingly. We are unable to comment further because we understand the matter is still under investigation. Plain clothes police kept the

site under observation at the weekend although nobody turned up and nothing suspi-cious was found. A Highland police spokesman said it had been an "operational matter" and he could not comment.

The enquiry into the ac-tions of social workers and police last year, being held before Lord Clyde, is expected to end this week.



company's Hethel headquarters at Norfolk to see if

engineers could help.
Lotus engineers agreed to
investigate but quickly realised that they were being
asked to come up with the

equine equivalent of ath-lete's Nike or Reebok run-

ning shoes, which absorb ground shock but allow the legs to spring back for the

Patrick Peal. Lotus's head

of communications, said

yesterday: "Technology has

not really moved on in the world of horse-racing while

we have been at the leading

edge in the development of

technology for racing and

road-going sports cars.
"What horses need is the



Inimitable talent: stamps based on photographs taken by the Duke of York have for the first time been treated with a special ink to prevent forgery

Family in holed boat **swims** for life

roped themselves together and leapt into the freezing sea as their motor cruiser began to break up after hitting a sandbank in darkness early

yesterday. Sally Allen, aged 34, of Arborfield, near Reading Berkshire, said later that as she swam she pushed her two daughters, Claire, aged 12, and Nicky, aged 14, ahead of her until they reached the shore at the entrance to Chichester harbour, West

The 41ft cruiser Gazelle, bound for Hayling Island, was holed after striking a sand bar. On board were Mrs Allen's husband Brian, aged 40, his uncle Clive Nichol. aged 51, and a friend, Paul Smith. The Gazelle's radio equipment failed, making distress calls impossible.

Mrs Allen said: "We just swam for our lives and rode the waves, with the men pushing us from behind and helping us over the waves until we could stand up." They suf-fered from hypothermia, shock and cuts and bruises.

Final bastion falls to news

The Dundee Courier, Scotland's last daily newspaper to carry only advertising on its front page, is to be re-launched on Monday with page-one news, reflecting a move made by The Times a quarter of a century ago. The Inverness Courier put news on its front page in 1990.

The Courier, formally The Courier and Advertiser, sells about 120,000 copies in Tay-side and Fife and is published by D. C. Thomson. Its first column yesterday led with a plea for work by a game-keeper with "much experience in dealing with all

Holbein offer

The National Gallery con-firmed yesterday that it had made a formal offer to buy Lady with a Squirrel by Hans Holbein, which had been expected to fetch at least £15 million at auction on April 15. The painting, believed to show the daughter of Sir Thomas More, is owned by Lord Cholmondeley and has hung at his family home, Houghton Hall, in Norfolk,

Armour fears

Peter de Savary is selling Littlecote House, his Wiltshire Tudor mansion, for E6 million, raising concerns about the world's finest collection of civil war armour. The 275 pieces, bought by the Royal Armouries six years ago for £580,000, are housed in Littlecote's great hall and are on public display. If the new owner closes the house they will be moved to the Tower of London.

Legal pay-outs

The newly-appointed Legal Services Ombudsman has ordered compensation sums of £250 to £1,800 to clients who have suffered from incompetent solicitors and says that bigger sums may follow. Michael Barnes said that he used new powers under the Courts and Legal Services Act to make recommendations in response to about 50 of the complaints investigated.

Schoolboy prank ends in deaths

POLICE in Lancashire are searching for up to four children whose schoolboy game resulted in two deaths.

Roy Robinson, aged 73. and Fred Jones, aged 66, both collapsed with fatal heart attacks outside their homes as they chased the boys who had been knocking on the doors and windows of Mr Robinson's flat in Great Harwood.

The boys had been playing pranks on the elderly men. running away or taunting them in the street after knocking at their homes. On Sunday Mr Robinson lost his patience. He went out to remonstrate with the boys but collapsed and died after chasing them for just a few yards.

Mr Jones, his next-door neighbour, went out to join the chase on hearing the noise. As the boys fled, he too collapsed and died later in

Police visited the neighbourhood and local schools yesterday but said that there was no intention to bring legal proceedings against the boys. They were playing the kind of game a lot of kids do," a spokesman said. "There is

no suggestion of any charges against them." The two men had a history of heart trouble and a pathologist had con-firmed that as a cause of death. " It is a tragedy unique in my experience."

Police said up to four boys were involved. One was aged about nine with long blond hair and one of the others was dark haired and aged about

Joan Harris, aged 63 and one of the men's neighbours. said:"These lads have made our life hell for months. They continually pester you in the street. They play silly games with you shouring and bawling and swearing. They ring doorbells and run off, that sort off thing. It terrifies the elderly and infirm."

One of the staff at the near-Commercial Hotel said: These kids don't seem to have a childhood anymore: They just leap from nappies to streetwise gangs maming the roads causing trouble. I suppose one of the problems is there is not much else to do

around here." Police are compiling a report on the deaths for the

Race for better horseshoe and contacted Lotus at the

ENGINEERS more used to smoothing the path of a 180mph Formula One car over the bumps of a race track are turning to their attention to horsepower of a more basic

Lotus, manufacturer of high performance road and race cars, has been asked to devise an independent suspension system for race-

Although racehorses run on grass, they, too, suffer the same vibrations on hard ground as a Formula One car tackling a tarmac course at high speed.
The latest Formula One

cars, such as the Williams car driven to victory by Nigel Mansell in the Mexico grand prix at the weekend, have their race smoothed by a clever electronic system. It reads the bumps and

adjusts the suspension to take the worst out of the jolts. A racehorse ' sorbs the

shock through ... legs, leading at best to a poor performance and at worst to withdrawal from a race or even injury. Lotus confirmed yester-

day that it has been asked

by an unnamed owner and

trainer to come up with a

A racehorse trainer has asked car engineers to design a shoe to give horses more spring, reports Kevin Eason

new type of horseshoe which can absorb impact and provide spring for the

Conventional racing horseshoes are aluminium or thin steel, specially made for each race to be light and allow the horse the correct grip according to whether the ground is soft or hard. The shoes do nothing to case the jarring as each leg hits the ground at speeds of

same as the needs of the athlete: a light running shoe 30mph and more, too often resulting in injuries and which provides strength long and costly veterinary and support but provides treatments. shock absorption and One owner became dis-Spring."
With 2,000 horses traingruntled about the number his horses which were

ing at Newmarket alone, a having to be withdrawn from races because of hard new shoe could have widespread implications for the ground caused by the long racing industry if it was dry spell of the past two proved to be successful. Lotus says that it is just at The trainer, whose name the design stage, with engiremains confidential for

neers working on computer commercial reasons, remodels and making studies membered driving an old of the precise leg motion of Lotus Cortina sports saloon

Crippled man was dumped on verge

By PETER VICTOR

A MAN paralysed after being battered with a plank was described by the doctor treating him as "a nutter" and thrown out of hospital by the police, the General Medical Council has been told. Gordon McCann, aged 44,

of Rough Common, Glasgow, was admitted to the city's Royal Infirmary after the attack, but was branded as a Richard drunkard. Makower, aged 36, a registrar, of Canterbury, Kent, faces four charges of serious professional misconduct. Pc Andrew Warnock said

he dragged the man from his hospital bed and dumped him ten miles away just outside Glasgow. Mr McCann told the com-

mittee that one of the policeman who dumped him at the roadside said: "I hope you die, you bastard." Mr McCann, now wheelchair bound, had been living rough when he was attacked. He was taken at about 2am on March 11, 1990, to the Royal Infirmary and told Dr Whitfield, a senior house officer, that he could not move.

the committee heard. Dr Whitfield felt Mr

McCann was "functional" and consulted Mr Makower. the registrar. "I said to Mr Makower that I had seen a patient who had been hit with a plank and I'm sure I told him that he had a laceration on his head, but was unable to move his arms and legs," Dr Whitfield said. He described how Dr Makower lifted up one of Mr McCann's arms and let it drop. "Mr Makower said that it was the funniest quadriplegic that he had ever seen," Dr Whitfield

Mr McCann was lifted to his feet but fell to the ground. "Dr Whitfield tried to pick him up, but Mr Makower said: "No, leave him there and he will soon stand up. If he does not move, get the police to remove him.

At 4.15am Dr Whitfield reexamined Mr McCann, who was still unable to move, and arranged for him to be admitted to a ward.

Next day two police officers arrived at the hospital where Mr Makower told them he wanted Mr MCann removed, saying: "The man is just a nutter". The hearing continues.

Planning officer shooting case

Bungalow man says he received approval

By Peter Davenport

ALBERT Dryles, the man accused of shooting dead a council planning officer in a displice over an illegally built bungalow, told a jury yesterday that the official had previously given him verbal permission to exert the building. He said that Harry Collinson, the chief planting difficer of Derwentside Council, had been friently and helpful when he first used his £13,000 redupdancy payment from British Steel to buy the plot of land for the a tragic conclusion when Mr Collinson arrived to supervise a team of demolition men who were to pull down the building. Three unarmed police officers were on duty in case of any breach of the law and the confrontation was witnessed by television cameras and newspaper journal-

The jury had been told that Mr Dryden strapped a revolver and holster to his waist and shot Mr Collinson dead with three bullets to his head and chest before wounding PC Stephen Campbell and Tony Belmont, a BBC television buy the plot of land for the

Mr Dryden, aged 51, told the july at Newcastle upon Tyne crown court, on the sixth day of his trial for murder, that Mr Collinson had Mr Dryden, of Consett, de-nies murdering Mr Collinson and has also pleaded not guilty to three charges of atgiven him vertial permission to build in a hollow of land at Butstield, near Consett in County Duffian. tempted murder.

Film footage of the incident shot by the BBC crew and shown on national television He said that he spent 2,560 hours and E6,100 putting up the bungalow, which he was news that night has been

replayed for the jury.
In the witness box yester-day, Mr Dryden said that Mr ordered to demolish after the council insisted it had been constructed without planning ollinson's attitude towartis On a June day last year the him changed when the demolowing a public enquiry into the affair.

the arair.

He said: "I had the feeling that if Mr Collinson had been at the enquiry and told the truth institud of leading the up the garden path; then the inspector would have allowed me to keen it the hungatival. me to keep it [the bungalow]

for elternate use.
"Mr Collinson told me when I went to see him that he couldn't go to the enquity because if he had told the truth he would have probably been finished."

Mr Dryden told the court of an earlier incident during which he said he had discov-ered Mr Collinson taking photographs of the bung-

"He said I was going to be taken to court and fined £2,000 and that when I was in jail they would flatten the bungalow. He was taking photographs then he ran fike hell and I chased him.

"He said: You little

you have been ordered to pull it down for ages but we will hatten it when you are in jail.





Woman's best friend: Archer with Borzoi, circa 1930, by G. Riebicke and, right, Lattique's Avenue du Bois de Boulogne, 1911

THE dog may be man's best friend, his guardian and occasional fashion accessory. Now he has a new role: a luctative collecting theme.

A Getman industrialist, Uwe Scheid, compiled 500 photographs of canine sub-jects (Sarah Jane Checkland

Dogged collector sells up writes). He is selling them at Christie's on May 7 because, he says, his own dog died and the images have become too painful. Cynics may believe the £35,000 pre-sale estimate tells another story. The collection includes daguerotypes, in which the photographer has managed to keep his canine subjects still long enough to achieve

proper exposure. There are also rate examples from the series by Eadweard Mubblidge in which, just over a defitury ago, animal movement was captured for

the first time in a sequence of shots (estimate £400). More entertaining are the snapshots of social mores.

such as Jacques-Henri Lartigue's Avenue du Bois de Boulogne of 1911, with two small dogs paraded as an accessory for their mistress.

HEATHROW AMSTERDAM BRUSSELS British domestic airline."

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Ramblers press for forest access

By JOHN YOUNG

ional forest planned for the Mislands will be unreasonably restricted, the Ramblers' Association complained yes-

teritay. ... Alan Mattingly, the association's director, said that the divernment and the Countryside Commission seemed to believe that to persuade landcorners to allocate land for the planting they had to be assured that public access would not be required. "Unless a change of direction is taken, the new national forest will become a fenced off, private affecting for local landcorners, not the public."

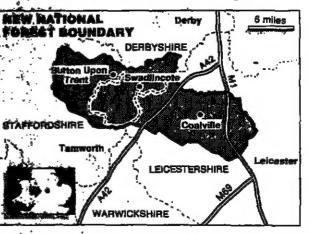
Mr. Mattingly said that the forest, to be modelled on the New Forest in Hampshire.

Porest in Hampshire, could be established only with substantial public money. have a fair return for its insonable access, and land-

may be needed to avoid damage to young trees and to sensitive nesting sites, and on certain days to allow shooting. But there should be more extensive access than the present rights of way. The public wants a forest as accessible as the New Forest, the Forest of Dean and Sher-

wood Forest.
The report says that the Countryside Commission has appointed an advisory board. to represent "local authority. business, farming, forestry and other interests", but out-door recreational bodies are inadequately represented. meetings are in secret, and minutes are not published.

Susan Bell, director of the New National Forest development team, said yesterday: "Our plans are to create a forest that is accessible in coming to the visitor as well as one that is productive and nobody could promise free public access. "Those rights are not ours to give."



GLC sale has get-out clause

BY KACHEL KELLY RTY CORRESPONDENT

COUNTY Hall in London was said yesterday to a Japa-nese property company, but with a clause in the contract allowing a new government to pull out of the deal after the election. Labour would halt the sale.

Shirayama Corporation Shirtyakia Corporation has agreed to buy only the riverside building for a sum thought to be about £200 million. The company plans to convert it into a hotel, apartments and business and conference dentre. The contract was signed yesterday by Sir Goung Taylor, chairman of the London Residuary Body, and the sale is to be complete. and the sale is to be complet-ed in October next year. The election clause reflects

the concern of Michael Heselane, the environment secretary, that the sale should not tary, then the sale should not be seen as being rushed intodyn. It could also give the Landon School of Economies, which was outbid by Shiftayarha, a second chance. First Gottle, the shadow environment secretary, said that a Labour government would base his Greater London authorities of County Hell but thurity at County Hall but would bek a partner to occupart of the site.

£1.1m for crash man who lies

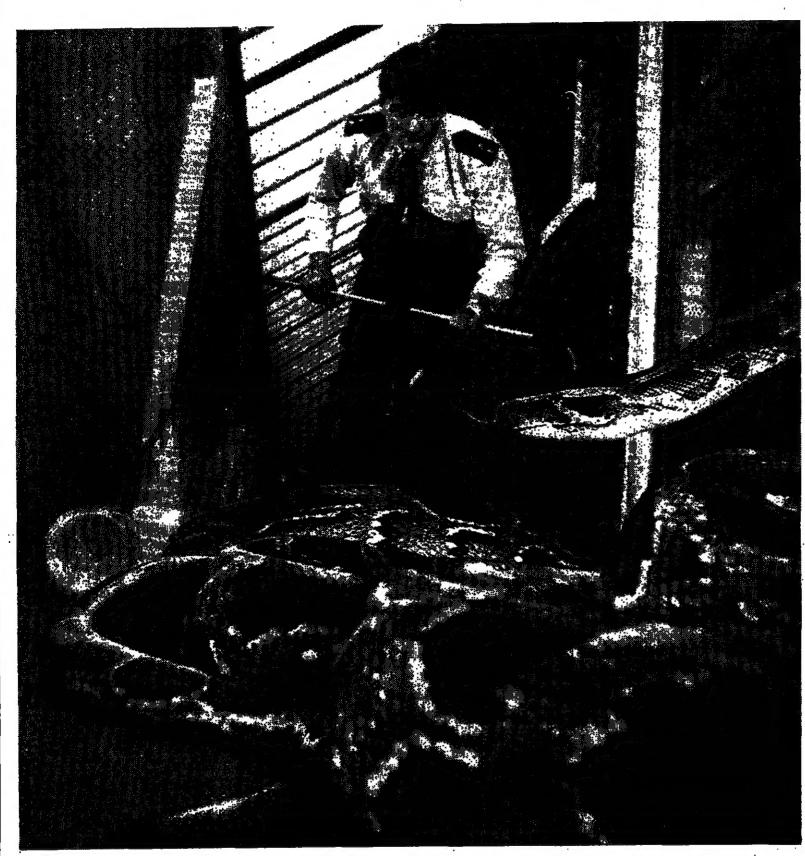
A road crash victim is to re-ceive £1,125,000 compensation for brain injuries that turned him into a liar. The award was approved in the High Court yesterday after a judge heard that Robin Capps, aged 24, of King's Lynn, Norfolk, had undergone a personality change since a car struck his moped in 1985, which made him lie to parents and friends.

Mr Capps also lost his sense of smell, walked with a limp and could develop epi-lepsy. Part of the money will be used to set up a structured damages scheme to provide an inflation-proof income.

In another case yesterday, a girl aged eight was awarded record compensation in the first structured settlement approved by the Northern Ireland High Court. She will receive £5 million by the time she is 60.

Jane Kearney, of Cliftonville, Belfast, is in a wheelchair after suffering brain damage and leg inju-ries when she was hit by a car three years ago. Under the settlement she will get £90.000 now and £13,694 every year for the rest of her life, rising annually by 5 per cent. The award was against the driver, David Caldwell, from Whitehead, Ca Antrim. from Whitehead, Co Antrim.

Rescuing kittens? Our inspectors are more likely to be having them.



The poorly-lit corridors of a 60's tower block are not the cheeriest of places at the best of times.

Less so when you know that somewhere in the shadows lurks an 8ft long python.

It was this rather unpleasant situation that faced an RSPCA Inspector last September.

The residents of a block of flats in Peckham, South London, had reported the presence of a large snake in the building.

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Or rather, it was the python that captured him, looping its coils around his body. Fortunately, he managed to release its grip and the snake was quickly placed in a box to be handed over to a specialist.

In a way, the Inspector was lucky. He knew what was likely to happen. Normally, he'd have no idea.

Inspector Nick Green* went to a shop where a dog had been heard whining.

He wasn't unduly worried, it was just a simple everyday case. Even the owner appeared pleasant.

It was only when he entered the yard that he realised he was in trouble, because he faced not one whimpering pooch but 14 snarling guard dogs.

He was fortunate to escape.

"The Inspectors' names have been changed for security reasons.

Nonetheless it took him nearly three months to psychologically recover from the attack.

Unfortunately, savagery is not confined to the animal kingdom.

Chief Inspector Hill* has been threatened with an axe. Inspector King* with a crossbow.

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Mother seeks justice for dead son

CHRISTOPHER Varma, aged seven, and his brother lain, aged 14, were mown down by a motor cyclist as they held hands crossing the road, on their way home from a Scout fair on a June Saturday afternoon in 1987.

Their mother, Linda Varma, heard the police and ambulance sirens at home five minutes' walk away. Atthe Victoria Hospital, Black-pool, she found both boys unconscious. Christopher with his right leg hanging off at the knee. He died next day without regaining consciousness, while his brother slowly

recovered in intensive care. The court case which followed, in which the motor cyclist was cleared of reckless driving, is becoming a cause celebre. It has been studied sympathetically by the prime minister and the Attorneygeneral, and Lord Denning has intervened over the "grievous injustice" suffered

by the family.

John Major has asked the Home Office to look again at the arguments for extending prosecution rights of appeal where fresh evidence emerges. The case is also being considered by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, which is deliberating on a charige in the law over the retrial of acquitted defendants.

In statements to police, four people estimated the speed of the 1000cc Kawasaki motor cycle which hit the children in a 30mph zone outside a school at about-60mph. Another put it between 70 and 80mph. A further eight described it as fast. Others told how the rider had been practising "wheelies" shortly before the accident.

But after an expert witness, who has since admitted that he was wrong, put the speed between 22 and 38pmh, a jury cleared Henry Staals of causing death by reckless driving, for which he would have been jailed. He was fined £250 and banned for two years by Preston crown court in October 1988 for the lesser offence of careless

Mr Staals, now aged 28, had been fined £425 and banned for 18 months in 1982 for maliciously wounding a policeman whom he deliberately rode into when the officer tried to stop him Michael Horsnell reports on a fight to allow appeals against acquittal after a boy was killed by a

motor cyclist

for speeding. Mrs Varma, aged 47. a secretary, has a thick file of documents in a "Dennis the Menace" folder, recording the campaign she has mounted with her husband, Satinder Varma, aged

She said: "Everbody fights for the rights of the convicted. Nobody gives a damn about the innocent victim." Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC. the Attorney-general, told the couple that David Clapp, the accident investigator. had not had all the necessary information needed to estimate the speed of the motor

The parents said that Dr Clapp based his calculation solely on Christopher's cution stem from the principle that the prosecution must carry the main burden of weight and the height he was proof. But he added: "The thrown, without realising that Iain had also been siggovernment shares your concern that ... there is a need for, a thorough and widenificantly hit. No allowance

had been made for the velocity absorbed by the elder boy. ranging review of our crimi-nal justice system. The Royal Commission's terms of refer-Sir Patrick examined a reence specifically require it to port later commissioned by the parents from another achave regard to the need to cident investigator, John ensure that the guilty do not Knapton, who estimated the

speed of the motor cycle at

approximately 73mph. At the request of the Attorney-

general, the two reports were

examined by an independent

expert who put the speed at

Expressing his deepest

sympathy to the parents, the

Sir Patrick said that as a

matter of law, the case could

not be reopened. But he ordered John Bates, chief crown prosecutor for Lanca-

shire, to write to the Director

of Public Prosecutions about

the "crucial importance" of

ensuring that expert witness

es were provided with all relevant information.

Varma saying that the argu-

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rights of appeal for the prose-

Mr Major wrote to Mrs

up to 55mph.

Christopher's parents regard the trial as a farce. Among their many criticisms is that in a statement to police, Alan Darlington. aged 17, the pillion rider, said he was scared by the motor cycle's speed, which he estimated at 60mph just before the accident when Mr Staals overtook three cars. He was not called to give evidence, nor was his state-

ment read to the jury.
Mrs Varma said: "Christopher was a loving, intelli-gent, mischievous child, a popular boy and top of his class, who put his pennies in the guide dogs for the blind box and stood up for other people. I do what I am doing because of what he left behind for me. I want Chris

to be proud of me."
Richard Statham, Mr
Staals's solicitor, said: "He is full of remorse, but the case was dealt with on all the evidence considered carefully by the jury."



Linda Varma with a picture of Christopher. 'I want him to be proud of me'

Enquiry lers press est access

begins on jail deaths An enquiry was launched yesterday into a series of suspected suicides by teenagers held

at Feltham young offender institution in west London. Anthony Scrivener, QC, will investigate the four deaths since last August. Mr Scrivener, last years chairman of the Bar Council, is conducting the enquiry for the Howard League for penal-

reform Conditions at Feltham, which holds males aged between 14 and 21, were criticised in the institution's board of visitors' annual report in 1991, which disclosed that there were 21 attempted suicides during August alone.

Acid death fine

Caird Environment Group, a waste disposal company of Minworth, Warwickshire, was fined £50,000 after admitting failing to follow safety procedures, causing the death of an employee. Birmingham crown court was told that Arthur Wheeler, aged 52, suffered 52 per cent burns when an unnoticed drum containing acid exploded during a crushing

Crossfire verdict

A verdict of accidental death was recorded by the Birmingham coroner on Yvonne Williams, aged 31, a British holidaymaker who was killed by a stray bullet during a gun fight in the Queens area of New York.

Statues stolen

Two large bronze statues val-ued at £20.000 were stolen from the gardens of Hughenden Manor, a National Trust property near High Bucking-Wycombe.

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Fuel alert halts space Briton

BY NICK NUTTALL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Foale, the Cambridge university graduate who has dreamt of being an astronaut since he was six, was back in quarantine yes-terday after the US shuttle mission suffered a technical setback of the kind that has plagued the programme for nearly two years.

At 7.39am GMT, five

engine compartment. The setback forced Dr

Engineers worked through the night to discover if the leaks of hydrogen and oxygen fuel were real or an error from

The US mission, involving the space shuttle Atlantis and not Columbia as stated in The Times on Saturday, has now been tentatively rescheduled for 8am eastern standard time (1pm GMT) today. Dr Foale, who has been

training for the eight-day mission since 1987, was ready to fly last year, a few weeks before the Anglo-Soviet Juno mission that made Helen Sharman the first Briton in space. Yesterday Dr Foale's father, a retired RAF commodore, said: "Naturally he is disappointed but he is a

very calm guy and full of

hours and 22 minutes before lift-off, Nasa officials at Cape Canaveral, Florida, postponed the flight after sensors detected fuel leaking into the

Foale's parents, Colin and Mary Foale, who have made the trip from Cambridge for the launch, to return to their hotel room. It also ruined the celebrations of an excited party from Belgium, including Princes Philippe and Lau-rent, who had come to see the launch of Dirk Frimout, the first Belgian in space, who is a member of the seven-man

Ditched pilot saved by flying life raft

By PETER VICTOR

A HELICOPTER pilot forced to ditch in the Irish sea was saved by a passing light aircraft which dropped a life raft to him. Coastguard and RAF rescue teams arriving to pick up Geoff Dodds, who had ditched because of engine failure, found him sitting in the rubber raft.

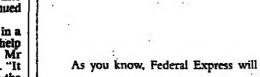
Mr Dodds, aged 44, told them that his helicopter had been shadowed by a small aircraft which circled as he hit the water. As he struggled in the cold sea the aircraft swooped to 100 feet. a side door was opened and the life raft was flung down alongside him. Mr Dodds, of Eccles, near Manchester, was flown to hospital in Blackpool suffering from exposure. Yesterday he was recovering at home.

The pilot who came to his aid, Eddie Whittle, a builder from Blackburn, Lancashire, said yesterday that he had been flying his Cessna light aircraft from the Isle of Man to Blackpool when he was alerted by air traffic control that a helicopter was in difficul-ties in the area. His passenger caught sight of it tra-velling in the opposite dir-ection so Mr Whittle swung his aircraft around and followed it until it ditched 20 miles off Morecambe.

Mr Whittle, aged 45, circled as the pilot scrambled out of the helicopter. He could not see a life raft so his passenger threw out the aircraft's dinghy. After see-ing Mr Dodds climb into the raft they continued

their journey.
"I am pleased I was in a position where I could help save someone's life." Mr Whittle said yesterday. "It was a fluke we were in the area at that time. Our takeoff had been delayed at Ronaldsway airport for four hours because of mist."

Sergeant Alan Falconer. the winchman of the RAF helicopter which pulled Mr Dodds from the sea, said: "Mr Whittle's quick thinking and action undoubtedly helped save the helicopter pilot. He wouldn't have lasted long in his condition in waters that cold."



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Major refuses to give pledge on taxation burden

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major was forced onto the defensive yesterday over tax, the issue on which the Conservatives had hoped ceaselessly to harry Labour. At his London press confer-ence Mr Major refused repeated invitations from journalists to pledge that a reelected Conservative government would not increase the werall burden of taxation.

He appeared to deny that the overall tax burden includ-ing indirect taxes had risen under the Conservatives, although ministers have previously accepted that taxation as a percentage of gross domestic product rose from 34.25 per cent in 1978-9 (excluding oil revenues) to 40 per cent in 1982 before dropping again to 37.75 per cent in 1990-1, the figures given n the Conservative campaign

Mr Major surprised jour-nalists by insisting: "Over the past 12 years the tax burden has remained broadly flat at a period when we have repaid large sums of debt that were inherited from previous gov-ernments." Aides explained later that he was referring to the figures in the Budget red book which show that the tax burden was 35.5 per cent in 1979-80 and is scheduled to be 35.75 in 1992-3.

Under repeated challenges, Mr Major reaffirmed that the Conservatives, who are pledged to continue reducing ncome tax towards the target of 20p in the £, had "no plans and no need" to raise extra resources via indirect taxation by increasing VAT in a future parliament. He made it clear that they had no plans to raise excise duties, the other main indirect tax, by more than the rate required to keep

pace with inflation. "We do not see any need to increase the tax burden," Mr Major said, but he added: "I can't give a categorical assurance that we will reduce it and neither can anybody else. But it is certainly not our

to increase. Mr Major appeared Campaign stalemate... Woodrow Weatt

the questioning and his comments were seen as under-mining the vigour of the Conservatives' assault on Labour's tax plans. Labour constantly counters the attacks by suggesting that the Tories have a "secret agenda" for raising indirect taxes. The tax burden has fallen

since the early 1980s but only since the early 1980s but only
after the sharp rise induced
by the near doubling of VAT
from 8 per cent to 15 per cent
in the first budget of the
1979-83 parliament. Last
night the Conservatives argued that the tax burden was bound to increase at times when the economy grew and real income rose, unless tax rates were cut. What really mattered to people was living standards or real take home

They pointed out that the Conservative government in the early 1980s had deliberately reduced a high level of borrowing inherited from the previous Labour administration, But John Smith, the shadow chancellor, wrote to the prime minister challenging him to admit that he had been wrong in suggesting that the overall tax burden had not risen under the Con-

The Conservatives have spent almost all their energies in the election campaign so far attacking Labour's tax policies, concentrating first on the middle income carners who will suffer from Labour's ceiling on national insurance

But they are aware that only 10-13 per cent of the population are listing taxation as one of the issues on which they will make up their minds who to vote for and

they acknowledge that the larger has to be widened, respectably to include the electrically vital C2s in the

winched away yesterday from John Smith's shadow budget to Eabour's manifesto spend-ing pilans, which he insists will cost £38 billion. The result, he said, would be an extra tax bill of £1,250 for the average taxpayer on top of any increases in Mr Smith's budget. "It would have the most devastating impact on the lives of everyone in this

The Tories, he said, had 17 days in which to save Britain. He maintained that the Tory blitz on taxation was begin-ning to hit home and that people were becoming aware of the potential impact of Labour's plans. One Conservative official

country that we have ever

said last night: "The £1,250 is what shifts the C2s. It's what everybody will have to pay." Conservatives were rueful yesterday over the press con-ference which had forced their leader on to the defensive. His responses were seen as the natural caution of a Treasury man", refusing to commit himself to tax pledges in the unknown period be-yond the end of red book predictions for the economy.

Tory strategists say that they do not have to make commitments about future tax in the same way as they are asking Labour to do because they do not have spending plans on the scale of Labour's. Mr. Major said that the cost of the piedges in the Tory manifesto amounted to less than £1 billion.

A less honest politician, they argued, would have brushed

away the trouble with a glib

Tory planners believe that they can still advance their party's cause by drumming home the taxation theme and ation plans would intensify rather than cure the



Talking to the people: Tom King, the defence secretary, campaigning for Jeremy Hanley, Tory candidate for Richmond and Barnes with a majority of 1,766, chats to a resident at a home for ex-servicemen and women

Labour sees credit controls as economic safeguard

Kinnock accepts inflation risk

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NEIL Kinnock said yesterday that he would not be prepared to see the economy ruined in order to get zero inflation. making it clear that a Labour government would favour growth rather than too tight a control on inflation.

If the cost of zero inflation, which the Tories had repeatedly stated as their ambition, was zero growth, that would devastate the economy, Mr Kinnock said.

The Labour leader was accused of raising the spectre of mortgage queues after saying that Labour would introduce credit controls, if the economy overheated, to avoid ex-cessive interest rates. Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, said that Mr Kinnock's remarks "revealed another devastating blow which a Labour government would aim at the housing market and the construction Mr Kinnock made clear

that no controls would be needed if the economy remained flat, but Labour would use a system of reserve asset ratios if the economy overheated. Under such a system, used in the 1960s, a proportion of any bank's liquid assets has to be held by the Bank of England. If there is a credit boom, the government can raise the amount held to ensure that banks are unable to lend more money. Labour would use a system of "credit shuicing" which would not be permanently imposed, he said.

Mr Kinnock admitted that during a credit boom mortgage applicants might have to wait for one or two months rather than have to pay interest rates at 15, 16 or 17 per cent. At a press conference later, Mr Heseltine said: "We told you they'd be more expensive. Now you are going to have to queue for them as

Asked about John Smith's comments on Sunday that he

would be happy if the level of age reached by the German inflation was on the lines of the EC average, Mr Kinnock said Mr Smith had been misunderstood. "John was talking about the European average and specifically about the Maastrich condi-

tions," said Mr Kinnock. "We want the lowest possible level of inflation; ideally, if it did not utterly disable the economy in the process, we would like to see zero inflation - who would not?" he contin-

ued. "But we are not prepared to see the economy laid waste in order to get zero inflation when we could have a thriving economy, an investing economy, a high employment and high wage economy, with modest levels of inflation around the avereconomy of several decades Speaking in Birmingham, where he launched Labour's

manufacturing manifesto, Mr Kinnock also made clear that, despite the increasing deficit, Labour would not need to change course from its spending or taxation pledges. Asked whether he would have to put up taxes or cut spending, he said: "I don't accept that they are the only courses. If expenditure pledges were cut, it would undermine basic services, like the national health and education systems, and also deprive the economy of essential investment." · -

If taxes were raised to fill the deficit, the deflationary effect on the economy would push down confidence and also arrest the possibility of

On a day when every word said about taxes was being scrutinised, Roy Hattersley, also in Birmingham, admit-ted he had not used the best words on Sunday when he left creases. "My intention yesterday was to say it was for John to decide. It was not the most elegant way of putting it.
John did decide an hour and a half afterwards."

Mr Kinnock leapt to his deputy's defence and said there would be no question that Mr Hattersley would in future be confined to his own. area of policy during the cam-

Ashdown gets wary welcome

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

IN THE heart of Wales, where sheep outnumber voters ten to one, Paddy Ashdown received a polite, rather world-weary welcome from the local farmers and their livestock but shricks of delight from the schoolgirls. He also had a run in, albeit a polite one, with rival Labour and Conservative candidates.

Scouring the horizon for the sight of the occasional voter, the Liberal Democrat leader had gone to the aid of his candidate Richard Livesey, defending a majority of 56 in Brecon and Radnor. With Mansfield, it merits the title of the most marginal seat in the country. It also strad-dles mid-Wales, measuring 92 miles by 45 miles.

Mr Livesey's hopes were boosted by a NOP/HTV constituency poll at the weekend putting Liberal Democrat

supporters at 35 per cent, Conservatives 32 per cent

and Labour 30 per cent. As Mr Ashdown spoke from the back of a Land-Rover in Brecon town square, a red car carrying Chris Mann, Labour's candidate, with Ann Clwyd, the shadow overseas aid minister, came through the square blasting

out: "Vote Labour".

"Let them pass, it's a free country," Mr Ashdown adlibbed. "He has not got anybody to listen to him.

If the voters return Mr Livesey to Westminster, it is likely to be because of loyalty to him rather than promises made in London. One on-looker, Vaughan Rees, who said he has not yet decided who to vote for, pointed to the party's dilemma of the wasted vote syndrome. "The problem is that even if you think they

to get power to do it are they?"
Earlier, striding through
Europe's largest sheep market, in Welshpool, Mr Ashdown came face to face with Jeannie France-Hayhurst, the Tory candidate. There followed a most dignified display of heckling, confined to the occasional mumble of 'rubbish" from beneath tweed caps as Mr Ashdown chastised the Tories for abandoning farmers to the cold winds of the free market.

are good, they are not going

Campaign quotes

⁶ The honesty and decency of these people is far superior than what I expect to confront me in the Houses of

Parliament ? - Tommy Sheridan, jailed anti-poll-tax campaigner and Labour Militant of his fellow

• It was so hard on the daffodils? - Mrs Thatcher after being attacked by a daffodil-wielding woman

My wife is not a politician. I'm up for election, not

her? Paddy Ashdown

Neil Kinnock was on Concorde on Thursday and look what happened, the rudder fell off ? - British Midland

chairman and prominent Tory supporter Sir Michael Bishop • They are

digging an even deeper hole and leaving Labour to clear up the

- Neil Kinnock after trade figures showed Britain £750 in the red

I don't want to see bombs going off in London; I don't want to see bombs going off anywhere

— Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein president

Labour's manifesto promises [on education] are hopes to dream for, not pledges to count on

- Paddy Ashdown

at best flat and possibly slipping backwards ? - Neil Kinnock

Privatisation has meant huge price increases for the customers and huge pay rises for the bosses ?

- Frank Dobson. shadow energy secretary

We have transformed the fortunes of Britain in the last 13 years?

- Kenneth Baker

Time to dig the dirt in squeaky clean campaign

A feature in The Times yesterday concluded that this election is missing "the big idea". I disagree. What the election is missing is the big joke. This simply isn't funny. Light columnists are close to

Where is the slap, where the fick-le we were promised? This, they said, would be "the roughest election in living memory". Rough? So Jack Cunningham and Michael Howard interrupt Sue MacGregor and have a rant at each other on the wireless — you call that rough? So John Major gets jostled in Bolton — wow! So a Militant supporter in Liverpool drops a piece of excrement near the election agent to Liberal candidate Rosemary Cooper - hell, it didn't even hit the agent, let alone the candidate.

Paddy Ashdown (to another Mili-tant yob): "Hiyah, triend!" Yob: "I'm not your friend." Ashdown: "Well, you might be." Is this the sort of savage ex-change expected of a democracy where candidates used to run for their lives, chased by screaming

mobs? In his memoirs, Blood on The Walls, published next week,



CAMPAIGN SKETCH

MATTHEW PARRIS

Willie Hamilton writes of his 1945 campaign in East Fife, "the Communists were howling like a pack of wolves ... and as soon as I began [they] started to rush the platform... too late, they realised the strength of our supporters, especially the women. The women were

terrific. They laid into the Com-mies, with fists, legs, and tongues ... Our 1950 election campaign was even dirtier ..." Which brings us to dirt. Where is the dirt? The 1992 election was going to be the "dirtiest ever". I was looking forward to it. For years I have vainly hoped that Sir Geoffrey. Howe might be a secret transvestite. One longs to discover that Gerald Kaufman keeps a troupe of dancing girls in Manchester for his private titillation . . . so where's the big affair, then? The Ashdown

shock boded spendidly, and then

... phut! Nothing. Ten days' cam-paigning, and still nothing. I'm sorry, but one back-bencher in a bush on Hampstead Heath won't do. The nation is so hungry for scandal that even a dalliance between John Gummer and Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, might amuse: but, sadly, no word of such exotica reaches us. Either they're all clean, or politicians have decided to leave that sort of thing out. This is

desperate.

This campaign, they said, "will bis campaign, they said, "will be campaign, "will be camp L be about personalities". We were warned to expect vicious attacks upon Norma Major and upon the leadership qualities of Mr Kinnock. We would discover that the entire shadow cabinet were Bupa patients. Well, bring on the character assassins! Let's hear from them, please, before we all go mad with boredom. Do Walworth Road and Smith Square seriously think the electorate want to spend the next fortnight curled up in front of the television with a pocket calcula-tor and copies of Mr Lamont's Budget and Mr Smith's alternative? This, they said, would be an elec-

toral road strewn with banana skins. Neil Kinnock would make some monumental blunder - suffer a brainstorm and revert to Labour's 1983 manifesto in an interview with Brian Walden, or do his Bug's Bunny impersonation on Newsnight, During a walkabout, Mrs. Thatcher would flip, suffer the delusion that she was PM again, and start raving "rejoice, rejoice!" No such luck. Mr Kinnock has turned into a right little sober sides, and Thatcher is sticking to the bottlegreen twin-set she reserves for periods of intense self-restraint.

I have nothing to report to you from Monday. There was no rough, no tumble: no slap, no tickle. No jiggery, pokery, cloak, nor dagger. On Monday there were press conferences. Dirtiest? Roughest? Funniest? We've been conned. This election isn't at all serious, and it

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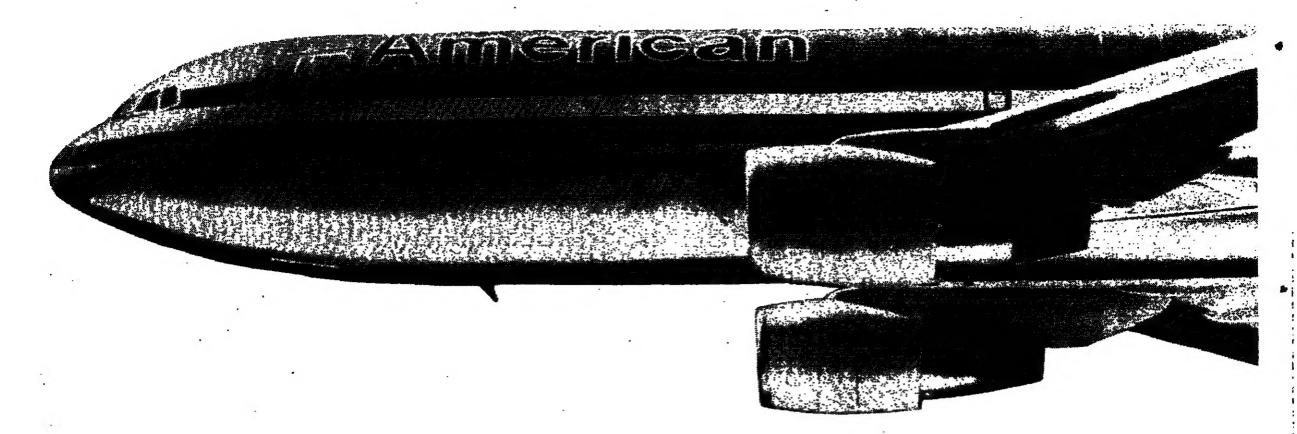
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lefence cuts

Heseltine aims for 80% home ownership

BY PHILIP WEBSTER CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PLNS to extend home-owneraip to 80 per cent of the poulation were outlined by Mhael Heseltine last night. he environment secretary sa: his nationwide rents-to-

mrtgages scheme would men people being able to butheir homes for a weekly payment equal to the present remand said that about 1.5 milon council tenants could tak advantage of the proosals.

Aout 69 per cent of the poplation own their own hores, and Mr Heseltine saidhat another 10 per cent wated to become owners. Heaid the response in pilot schnes justified the faith the government had put in the ren-to-mortgage scheme.

N Heseltine told a Con-

sentive news conference: "I put simple question to council mants — why go on rent-ingour home under Labour who you can own it for the sare weekly payment under the onservatives."

he Tories are planning wic publicity for the scheme, annunced in the Conservativelection manifesto. Leaflett issued yesterday give examples of how it would

tenant wishing to buy his hore finds it valued at \$40000. Ten years as a tenan would entitle him to a 40 pr cent discount under the pht-to-buy legislation. For same amount of money hat he is now paying rent he ould pay off a mortgage of 12,000. The new scheme ould enable him to take out mortgage on 50 per cent of

he property.

He could, if he could afford it, pay more than he is currently paying in rent and thus take a larger share of the property. Alternatively he

could gradually step up to full

Both Mr Heseltine and Tim Yeo, junior environment minister, emphasised the continuing role of a public housing sector. Mr Heseltine said: "Social housing is not an anachronism.

Mr Yeo explained that of four million council homes, about 1.5 million tenants paid their rents in full. The 2.5 million or so who received housing benefit to meet part or all of their rent costs would not be able to take advantage of the new scheme. There would still be a substantial

public sector, he said. Mr Heseltine combined his description of Tory housing plans with a fresh assault on Labour's tax plans. He alleged that if Labour got in mortgages would go up by between £40 and £50 a month because of an immediate 2.5 per cent increase in interest rates upon the election of a Labour government.

Sir George Young, the housing minister, amplified other manifesto plans. Home ownership would be opened up to 1.5 million leaseholders in blocks of flats who would be given the right to buy the freehold of their property; a new right to improve would allow tenants to invest in their homes and be compensated

when they moved on. He promised that pilot schemes allowing housing associations to manage private property would be extended across the country.

By relieving landlords of the day-to-day concerns of letting and by guaranteeing tenants a high standard of management the new scheme would build a bond of trust between landlords and



All weather friend: Sir Cyril Smith with Elizabeth Lynne, the new Lib Dem candidate for Rochdale, who hopes to succeed Sir Cyril as an MP

Ashdown to demand education spending deal

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

THE Liberal Democrats will insist on a commitment to a E5.7 billion investment in education before supporting a minority government, Paddy Ashdown said yesterday.

As his party published a

guarantee to make education a top spending priority, he said he would not support the Tories or Labour unless they agreed to take on the Liberal Democrats' programme for an immediate and massive injection of funds.

Although his party plans to fund the investment through a 1p rise in the basic rate of

income tax. Mr Ashdown made clear that such an increase was not a condition of negotiations. He said: "Our judgment at the moment is that this can only be done by raising the basic rate of income tax by Ip and we are happy to fight the election on this basis."

There was not room for much "give and take" over the education programme, as he believed that that was an investment Britain must make. The party decided to elevate education to the top of its spending priorities after

reports of its popularity with voters from constituencies on its "hit list". The fresh focus on education is also part of the party's attempt to counter the wasted vote threat, arguing during the remainder of the campaign that the more votes and seats it wins, the more likely its education pro-

The guarantee, costing E5.7 billion over two years, ☐ Pre-school places for the under-fives, costing £525 mil-lion in the first year.

gramme will be carried out.

☐ School repairs costing E550 million in the first year. ☐ At least two days a week education for all school-leavers under 19, costing £500

☐ New books and equip-ment, plus teacher training and support, costing £200

million in the first year. Mr Ashdown said: "In government - either on our own or with others - Liberal Democrats will honour this guarantee. A commitment to

this programme must be the first spending priority of the next government."

Matthew Taylor, education spokesman, indicated the problems the Liberal Democrats may have in negotiating st-electoral deals by criticising Labour and Tory education plans. He said Labour promised £600 million over

two years, but nothing in the

first year. The Conservative

manifesto promised nothing

for pre-school education or school repairs, he added. "Our document launched today highlights the inadequacy of the Tory commit-

highlight too Labour's double vision. After years of attacking Tory under-funding, Labour's spending commitment does not match even one of their major education priorities. It means that Labour's manifesto promises are hopes to dream for, not pledges to count on."

The party's document said that wise expenditure on education was a nation's investment in its future. The Liberal Democrats would make that investment, it said. even though that meant incurring costs now. "Our guarantee is that we shall use whatever power the British people give us at this election to ensure that the educational programme set out on these pages is given top priority and the investment to be

Cricket highlights for BBC

THE television election battle will take a backseat tomorrow when highlights of England's World Cup cricket final against Pakistan will be shown on BBC.

British Sky Broadcasting has bowed to pressure from politicians and the public and is to allow the BBC to show 30 minutes of highlights from the cricket World Cup final tomorrow evening. Before the announcement was made last night. Neil Kinnock had again urged the prime minister to ensure that everyone in Britain could watch the final. BSkyB, which has exclusive rights to cover the World Cup, has decided to let the BBC screen free of charge excerpts from the final in Sportsnight at 10pm tomorrow night.

Owen for EC

Dr David Owen, the former SDP leader, who is not standing at this election, will make his only speech of the campaign today at the Future of Europe Conference in London. He will suggest that Europe should be a dominant

Punching home

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, unveiled a Tory poster during a visit to Bir-mingham. It shows two boxing gloves, one labelled "Kinnock's Fiat" and the other "Hattersley's Citroen", with the caption: "Thanks a bunch. Labour is the last thing Brummies need."

Minute wisdom

Politicians will be given 60 seconds of BBC Radio 1 air time from Thursday for a series of brief manifestos. "If they go over time, they will simply be faded out," Simon Mayo, the disc jockey, said.

Minister bitten Nicholas Bennett, a Welsh Office minister, was recover-

ing yesterday after a dog bit him on the ankle while he was canvassing in Pembroke.

Karaoke' Neil

Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, last night called the Labour party leader "Karaoke Kinnock". He said: 'He'll sing any song you want him to. Just press the button and out comes the line to take inspired not by guiding principles, but by the fads of the moment." les, but by the fleeting

Labour may spend more than the Tories, report says

Defence cuts claim challenged

By Michael Evans, Defence correspondent

A ABOUR government may en up spending more on demce than the Conservative because of concern over pointial job losses in the inostry, according to a repor published yesterday by the xford Research Group.

le Conservatives claim in the election manifesto that Labur plans a 27 per cent redction in conventional de-fen: spending, leading to deastating" cuts in the defene industry. However, Tor Voss, author of the repor said that Labour would find t difficult to introduce biglefence cuts if it won the elecion.

Hs report recalls the plage made to the defence injustry by Gerald Kaufman, shdow foreign secretary, on Nvember I last year in wich he said: "No extra jobs wild be lost as a result of

Laour policies." he report says: The his-tocal precedents are that Laour would maintain defere spending, or at least day reductions, rather than fae the unpopularity of substatial lay-offs and closures." Te "curious situation" thus aise that future cuts "could

actually be greater under a Conservative government than a Labour one". Labour has promised to set up a defence diversification agency to help to minimise job

The report says that the steady rise in defence spending from 1979 to 1985 appeared to follow the election

of the Conservatives but "this was largely the result of the commitment to Nato by the Labour government in 1977 to increase spending by 3 per cent per annum in real

Cold War, "rapid and successful adjustment of defence industries" is now crucial for Britain's future economic health. Yet, so far, the adjustments have taken the form of lay-offs

> cases where companies have switched from military to civilian products. There is still a widespread belief within the defence industry that it is not possible to

convert from military to civil

UK DEFENCE SPENDING As % of GDP RH scale Spending (at 1991 prices) LH aca 1945 1950 1955 1960 1965 1970 1975 1980 1985 1990 1995

terms". With the end of the production. "Many...companies seem to be fighting for the remaining orders rather than developing new civil op-

portunities." The report says that the government has a clear role to play in helping industry to adjust to the defence cuts. and closures, the report says. There are very few successful One responsibility is to en-sure that companies are told in advance which defence projects are no longer

> Leaving open the possibility of procurement pro-grammes leads companies to hang on in hope rather than to follow vigorously the call for conversion," the report

The research group says that many of the job cuts and company closures cannot be blamed on the ending of the Cold War. Efficiency drives have contributed to staff cuts. The report says: "It may be convenient to blame the end of the Cold War but the real impacts are yet to be seen."

Converting the Defence Industry: Have We the Political Will? (Oxford Research Group, 32 Warnborough Road, Oxford OX2

Major pitches for the doggie vote

Under pressure from Norman Teb-bit to unleash the dogs of war, the prime minister made for Melton Mowbray yesterday in search of sus-tenance for his warriors.

The Leicestershire town is noted for its pork pies, but John Major was after something juicier — Pedigree Chum, perhaps? He found it in a railway marshalling yard pioneering the switch from road to rail. Lined up before him were a fleet of wheeled containers, each containing a mountain of pet food regarded as something of a delicacy in the animal world.

Pedigree Chum, Whiskas, Kit-E-Kat, and Trill Mr Major started to look interested. Perhaps, however, his advisers had told him to keep off the subject of dogs after Margaret Thatcher's reminder that some Crufts champions never die.

The media circus had other breeds on its mind: Rottweiller Heseltine, Boxer Clarke and Pithull Mellor.

Did the prime minister have a dog? Mr Tebbit was in for a disappointment. "I would love to have a dog, but it would not be fair on the dog," Mr Major said, before pitching for the RSPCA vote by explaining that a life-style of shuffling between Downing Street, Great Stukeley and Chequers loft little time for Fide.

left little time for Fido. The kennel door, however, was still

Petfood, aircraft and a workplace ballot caught John Major's attention yesterday, Nicholas Wood writes

ajar, and the resurrected Crufts champion was still dogging her successor. Radio Leicester wanted to know whether Mrs Thatcher had been re-

called to revive a flagging campaign.
"Absolutely ludicrous," Mr Major replied. He had invited her weeks ago to speak at the Tory candidates' conference on Sunday, and she had happily accepted. "Do people think there would have been an election without Mrs Thatcher campaigning?" he said.
"They couldn't possibly know her."

Dudgerigars seemed a safer bet as Norma Major pulled the lever and 22 tons of Trill started to leave its perch. "It's a lot of pet food." Mr Major said admiringly. "There's some pretty overweight budgerigars you're going to have."

Earlier, Mr Major had stepped from one plane at East Midlands International Airport and climbed on board another. His target was a brand new Boeing 737 leased by British Midland Airways. Neil Kinnock waved from the cockpit of Concorde last week. Mr Major kept pace by doing likewise from his Boeing. Sir Michael Bishop, the British Midland chairman, was clearly on the

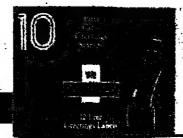
prime minister's side, saying: "Neil Kinnock was on a Concorde on Tuesday and look what happened — the rudder fell off. We're making sure this is not a rudderless campaign." Steve Collett, a fitter and a wavering

Tory voter, was not so sure. Mr Collett, aged 37, of Ripley, Derby-shire, unkindly told Mr Major that they would have to fix the aircraft now he had had a go on it. Among the workers lined up on

gantries around the hangar or watch-ing at floor level, John Brown, an engineer, was unimpressed by the Tory attack on Labour's tax plans. They sit down in London talking about how people on over £22,000 a year will be hit; that's irrelevant to us because we are fighting for £12,000," he said. "If they carry on hitting at that, their campaign is off the rails."

There was better news for Mr Ma-jor in an airport workshop. A ballot of workers had produced a 50-50 split between Tory and Labour supporters, one sign that the C2 vote has not deserted the government. As the prime minister headed north for Shef-field, he was still in the hunt.





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Patten pins his hopes on facts that are not borne out by the figures

Leading Conservatives
Leaim that their private
poils show them level pegging with Labour. They are well content. At the start of the campaign, advisers told John Major that the results meant a comfortable majority. The party chairman, Chris Patten, has described them as a "terrific base for us to go forward". Mr Patten is being remarkably confident, even allowing for campaign hyper-

bole. Should he be? Conservative confidence is built on the assumption that conventional uniform-swing predictions underestimate the number of seats the Conservative will win because, it is claimed, the swing to Labour is lower in Conservative Ivor Crewe examines whether Tories really have the upper hand in seats where Labour is hot on their heels

marginals than elsewhere. But there are no convincing reasons, precedents or data to support that claim. First, why should Conserva-

tive marginals be different? Socially they are neither distinctive nor homogenous enough to respond differently from the rest of the country to political events. Some Conservatives claim that they have superior organisations in the marginals. Such claims are deeply suspect. For one thing, constituency organis-ation counts for next to nothing in the television age. For another, no link has been found between constituency results and constituency organisations which, it is claimed, have improved.

Nor are there convincing precedents. In past elections the swing in Conservative marginals has been very similar to the national swing. In 1987, it was fractionally lower (0.9 per cent in the 50 most marginal Conservative-Labour seats, compared with 1.7 per cent nationally) but that was largely due to the "in-

cumbency effect". Each Con-swings of 6 per cent and servative MP first elected in would preclude Labour be-1983 replaced the personal vote of the defeated Labour MP with one of his or her own and so withstood the small swing to Labour in 1987. But that effect was limited to incumbents seeking re-election for the first time. In this election there will be only seven of them defending seats against Labour challengers.

The polling evidence. below-average swings in Con-servative-Labour marginals of 3 to 4 per cent have been reported for February by Mori and for the four weeks to mid-March by Gallup. These compare with national

coming even the largest party. However, in NOP's recent poll of marginals the swing to Labour was an above average

servative marginals in the Yorkshire Television region. per cent and in Mon's poll last weekend of ten Con-

it was 8.5 per cent — enough to give Labour an overall majority if repeated nationwide.
An analysis commissioned by The Times casts fresh doubt on Tory claims. Mori's

HOW THE CONSERVATIVES ARE DOING IN THE MARGINALS

	Chang	e (June 1	987-91)	Swing
Region	C	Lab	LIb	to Lab
Great Britain	-1	+11	8	6.0%
Total marginals* North West marginals	-3 -7	+9	-9	6.0%
North West marginals	-7 -6	+12	-6 -9	9.5%
W Midlands marginals London marginals	-7	+9	-6 ,	8.0%

Conservative-Labour marginals over Labour of under 20.0%.

gated to produce a national dents, of whom 3,400 live in Tory-Labour marginals. The advantage of this large sam-ple is that the margins of error (plus or minus 2 per cent) are half those for the smaller samples interviewed by Mori. Gallup and NOP

In the country as a whole the swing to Labour was 6 per cent. In Conservative-Labour marginals the swing was the same: 6 per cent. Nor do regional patterns offer much joy to the Conservatives. In Greater London, where there is supposedly a residual loony left effect, the swing to Labour

last month.

was S per cent. In the Nohwest, where the Conservare vote is said to be holding u it was 9.5 per cent and in te allegedly pivotal West Md-lands. 10 per cent.

Granted, the survey as completed by the end of st year. Mori has, hower, examined its polls site March 5 to see if votersin marginal seats are behave differently from voters gerrally. They are not. The swig to Labour since 1987 in sch seats is 8 per cent, sligly greater than the natical swing. Conservatives wold dearly be foolish to bankin doing better in their mrginals than elsewhere.

Ivor Crewe is professor of gu-

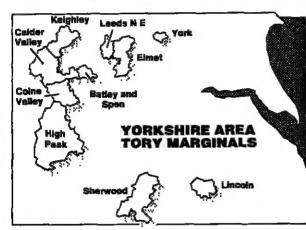
Northern marginals stay unswayed by Tories' tax message

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Conservative campaign on Labour's tax policies is Northern marginal sears, according to a Mori poll. The survey of ten Northern and Midland marginals offers no support for the theory that the Conservatives are doing better in marginal seats than they are in the country at

large.
The Mori survey, covering the ten Tory-held marginals of Batley & Spen (Elizabeth Peacock), Calder Valley (Sir Donald Thompson), Colne

Keighley (Gary Waller), Leeds North East (Timothy Kirkhope), Lincoln (Kenneth Carlisle), Sherwood (Andrew Stewart), York (Conal Gregory) and High Peak (where Christopher Hawkins has retired), shows an overall pro-Labour swing across the ten seats of 8.5 per cent, a big enough movement to put Neil Kinnock in Downing Street if were to be repeated on a uniform basis nationwide. At the last election in the



Labour claims win in postal vote race

By DAVID YOUNG

ing expatriate voters as well

as traditional postal voters in

their constituencies, such as

the elderly and infirm. In

1989 the law was changed.

extending the right to vote to

expatriates who had lived

abroad for up to 20 years.

Previously it was five years. About 34,400 voters — the

vast majority Conservative supporters - have applied for

verseas votes.

by 4,677.

MORE than a million people are estimated to have registered for postal votes in the general election, with Labour laiming that it has done better than the Conservatives. The deadline for register-

ing was noon yesterday, with initial estimates indicating that the 950,000 votes cast by post in the last election, in 1987, could be exceeded by more than 10 per cent. The Conservatives have been traditionally more successful than Labour in this area. But this year Labour has canvassed postal voters in many key marginal constituencies. It has also capitalised on the fact that the election is being held during the Easter univ-ersity vacation by advising students that if they live in a safe Labour constituency and attend college in a constituenwhich is marginal, they

should vote there by post. Labour says it has persuaded 20,000 student supporters to register for postal votes. This means that in the Tory marginal of Stirling, for example, the number of student postal votes will exceed the Tory majority of 948. Julie Minns, of the National Org-anisation of Labour Students, said: "The Tories have scored two own-goals. Far from disfranchising students by holding the election during the vacation, they have ensured that their supporters will not be voting and that thousands of students studying in safe Labour seats will now vote at

home in Tory marginals." Tory agents have been woo-

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ten seats the share of the vote (Graham Riddick), was: Conservatives 44 per cent, Labour 35 per cent, Alliance 20 per cent, others 1 per cent. That compared with a national share of Conservatives 43 per cent, Labour 32 per cent, Alliance 23 per cent and others 2 per cent.

The Mori survey of 1,059 adults, conducted face-to-face on Friday and Saturday last week, measured support at Conservatives 38 per cent, Labour 46 per cent and Liberal Democrats 14 per cent. That puts Labour's share up 11 percentage points, with the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats both down six points. In Colne Valley and Leeds North East, time. In the other eight seats Labour was the runner-up at the general election in 1987. What will alarm Conserva-

tive strategists about the poll finding is that when respondents were asked which party's policies they preferred on a number of issues they put Labour and Conservatives equal at 37 per cent on the question of taxation. That is dear evidence that, despite a week of hard campaigning concentrated on Labour's tax policies, the Conservatives are falling to get their message

Over.
Labour is also in the lead on the three issues named by poll respondents as most important to them. The party leads education and 47-21 on un-

employment.
John Major has a clear lead over Neil Kinnock when people were asked which was the party leader they thought likely to make the most capable prime minister. He scores 41 per cent to 29 per cent for Mr Kinnock, But the Tory margin on who has the best team of leaders is much narrower at 37 per cent to 33. On which party has the best policies for the country, Labour scores 35 per cent to 33 per cent for the Conservatives.

Many expatriates are not fully up to date with develop-The poll indicates that many of those who live in a ments on the British political scene, however. A survey by marginal constituency are unaware that they do so. Of those questioned, 40 per cent said that they did live in a marginal constituency, 26 the television programme World in Action found expatriates in South Africa who had no idea who Paddy per cent said that they did not, believing that their MP Ashdown was, but thought he might be an Irishman". The programme also found had won easily last time. A that there are growing numfurther 34 per cent did not

bers of people who have not registered for votes either Mori interviewed adults because they are avoiding the aged 18-plus on behalf of poll tax or because they are homeless. In Hampstead and Highgate. north London. where the actress Glenda Yorkshire Television's Calendar programme across the Yorkshire Television region. Within each constituency Jackson is hoping to overturn quotas were set by age, sex, class and working status to reflect the composition of that Conservative majority of 2,221, the register has fallen



Child's play: Diane Abbott, Labour candidate for Hackney North and Stoke Newington, on the campaign trail with her five-month-old son, James. With her safe 7,678 majority, Ms Abbott does not have to worry too much about kissing other people's babies to woo voters

Key Welsh seats swing to Labour

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

tant gains at the expense of the Tories and the Liberal seen as a safe Tory seat after The most intriguing battle-

Democrats in key Welsh seats, an opinion poll pub-lished yesterday indicates. ground centres on the threeway marginals where the An NOP survey for HTV Liberal Democrats have a conducted in marginal seats strong interest. NOP surshowed a big swing to Labour veyed three: Conwy, Cardiff in constituencies where it and Central and Brecon and Radthe Conservatives are the nor, held by Richard Livsey main protagonists, although the Conservative vote is holdfor the Liberal Democrats. The survey indicates that the Conservatives are down two ing up better in the three-way marginals where either the Lib Dems or Plaid Cymru are

650 voters were interviewed in six seats held narrowly by Conservative or Labour. Delyn, Clywd SW. Pembroke, Vale of Glamorgan, Monmouth and Newport West. The results indicated a huge move to Labour since the general election in 1987. Labour's vote was up from 36 per cent to 53 per cent, and the Conservatives' down from 42 per cent to 32 per cent. The Liberal Democrat vote was down from 20 per cent to 10 per cent. The swing to Labour was smaller but still substantial when its successes in the by-elections in Monmouth and Vale of Glamor-

gan in the last Parliament

were taken into account. The poll suggests Labour could

also strong contenders. About

LABOUR is making imporement of seen as a safe Tory seat after per cent, compared with cent and Labour on 30 per per cent, compared with 1987, Labour up 6 per cent. from 28 to 34 per cent, and the Liberal Democrats down from 32 per cent to 27 per

> The closest fight could come at Brecon where a separate NOP survey last week suggested that only five percentage points covered all three parties, with the Liberal Democrats on 35 per cent,

LABOUR THREAT TO WELSH SEATS 6 Vale of Glamon 7 Brecon and Ra Meirionydd Nast Conwy 10 Clywd S W 11 Carmarther 12 Ynys Mon Labour won in by elections Labour expected to hold cent. The poll suggests that Labour poses the biggest threat to the Tories in Cardiff Central with both the Opposi tion parties vying to be the main challenger at Conwy.

Three of the seats surveyed were Plaid Cymru strongholds: Ynys Mon. Merioneth and Carmarthen. Here the Labour vote was up from 23 per cent to 30 per cent com-pared with 1987, the Tory vote up two points to 32 per cent from 30 per cent, and the Plaid Cymru vote down from 35 per cent to 28 per cent. The figures suggest that Plaid would hold Ynys Mon and Merioneth, and Labour

would keep Carmarthen. Barry Jones, Labour's shadow Welsh secretary, said that the "very encouraging" poll confirmed party workers' findings. Michael German, the Welsh Liberal Democrats' campaign director, dismissed it as "a complete dog's breakfast" and claimed that a sample of only 125 voters had been taken in each constituency. This poll has many faults. You would need a degree in convoluted statistics just to be able to understand the premise on which it was

Ulster told to vote

hatcher at

BY EDWARD GORMAN IRELAND CORRESPONDED

THE non-sectarian Alliace party of Northern Irend launched its manifesto yeerday calling on the peop of the province to make the ection a referendum for peæ. Addressing a press cofer-ence in Belfast, John Alerdice, the party leader aid that if the people of Northm Ireland wanted the polical stalemate to continue, ney should vote for the "samold tired faces" as in the ast. "However," he said, "if inhe way you vote you demonsate to the other parties thathe people of Northern Irend want peace and want chage [by voting Alliance], thenhe prospects for inter-priy agreement are mass ely increased."

The party manifesto, The Voice of Peace, the first) be launched in the provinces a 31-page document with oli-cies on everything from overnment in Belfast to wrld development. It calls forthe creation of a devolved rejonal government in Nortern Ireland within the frameork of the United Kingom which would have law-raking power, and at whichall the main elected groupigs opposed to violence wouldbe represented in proportionto their electoral strength.

The Alliance, a sister pay to the Liberal Democrats, us formed in 1970 to attrat Protestant and Roman Carolic voters and to break te mould of sectarian politics. 4 the last Westminster electin it achieved 10 per cent of te vote, two points up on s showing in 1983. It has n outside chance of returning an MP for the first time eith in East Belfast, where Ir Alderdice is standing, or 1 North Down, where its cand date is Addie Morrow.

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Prison candidate finds more honour among thieves



By KERRY GILL

As prisoner C292 was led to his cell he could not help noticing that it was No 10, no bad omen for Tommy Sheridan, the sole Scottish Militant Labour candidate, who is fighting Labour's 18,000 majority in Glasgow Pollok from Saughton Prison.

Edinburgh.

Housed in a section known as "training for freedom", his acquaintances are mostly murderers and armed rob respectively for release. "I can tell you this," he said. "The honesty and decency of these people is far superior than what I expect to confront me in Parliament."

Sheridan, leader of the anti-poll tax federation, was jailed for six months for defying a court order banning him for defying a court order banning him from attending Scotland's first warrant sale for a poll tax debt. If he behaves himself, and yesterday he said that he would, he will be free to enter Parliament, if not No 10, on July 1. Under the Representation of the People Act, the prison authorities are obliged to give a civil prisoner facilities to stand for an election. De-

spite the formidable majority enjoyed by Labour, Sheridan, aged 27, launched his party manifesto inside the jail saying: "I firmly expect to be sitting on the green leather seats of the House of Commons instead of a

At his first press conference Sheri-At his first press conference Sheri-dan gave a resume of his daily routine. He is wakened at 6.30 by the "passman" for his porridge. After-wards he watches the breakfast news, opens an average of 22 letters each day from well wishers and supporters, and reads the newspapers. He must be one of the best informed candidates in Britain

From 11.30 he invites interviews from the press. He has a portable telephone to keep in touch with party activists and journalists, and has access to the prison fax machine. In the afternoons, Sheridan continues writing press releases lambasting the evils of capitalist society.

He spent seven days having to "slop

out" in D hall before his sentence was upheld after appeal. He praised the stash [aggravation] whatsoever. I have

received nothing but warm-hearted support. Many of the prisoners recognise that they are economic con-scripts of the establishment." He missed female company, socialising, campaigning, and football in that

is manifesto backs the return of a Tabour government, the defeat of Glasgow Pollok's Labour member Jimmy Dunnachie notwithstanding, the establishment of a Scottish parlia-ment, a 35-hour working week and a minimum wage. The party calls for a crash programme of council house building and improvements and a cut in mortgage interest rates. All poll tax debts would be abolished, council services would be restored and the privatisation of the National Health Ser-

sheridan, a graduate in economics and politics from Stirling University, claimed credit for smashing the polltax. "We led the anti-poll-tax struggle and we were responsible for toppling the most despised character in world capitalism — we melted the Iron Lady." he said.

John in lite

Image makers keep Kaufman, Prescott, Waldegrave and Gummer out of sight

Has anyone seen the campaign's missing men?

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

THERE was a man, Norman Tebbit remarked on Sunday, who used to be Labour's shadow Foreign Secretary, name of ... what was it? ... ah, yes, Kaufman. Others too have noted the absence from Labour's campaign of Gerald Kaufman, who his party was only too ready to bring forward a few years ago when he

was winning points off the Tories and few others were. Mr Kaufman has been spirited out of sight until the election is over, along with respectable trades union leaders as well as Arthur Scargill and left-wing members of the awkward squad such as Den-

They have been labelled "Not wanted on voyage" and tucked away in the hold until the election port is reached. In this pre-packaged, sanit-ised, television-conscious campaign all the parties are seeking to present only the bland, the safe pairs of hands and those who do not act as an irritant to anybody.

If you are not "good on TV", the campaign planning teams and their squads of media monitors do not want to know you. Never mind if you have, like Mr Kaufman, one of the sharpest brains on your party's front bench. If in any way, as Mr Kaufman assuredly does, you have a tendency to frighten the hors-es, then you can simply forget about serious exposure until April 10. What media managers want at election time well scrubbed 'soundbiters" such as Gordon Brown and Tony Blair who anybody could take

home to mother. Five things can get you banned from front-line press conferences. The parties do

blurt out the inconvenient truth. That deprives us on Labour's side of John Prescott, his party's most underrated politician, who is condemned largely to tours of regional bus garages.

They do not like those who appear quite obviously too clever. So William Waldegrave is helping to crew some Tory Mary Celeste crew some Tory Mary Celeste was a certain John Major, in distant waters. They shy then minister of state for away too from those with a health and social security, tendency to drop changers. That indication of favour was (but have to make an exception confirmed. After the tion for deputy leaders like about as Treasury chief blundered twice, on water secretary, privatisation and taxes.

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tion is the irritant factor - a. tendency to infuriate the ordinary voter almost before you have opened your mouth.

Poor Mr Kaufman fails foul of that. And there is the nonentity factor: you cannot be wheeled on if nobody has heard of you.

On the Tory side, John Gummer, agriculture secretary, and Peter Brooke, Northern Ireland secretary, have scarcely been hogging our screens. Another with an image problem is Norman Lamont, the Chancellor. He just has this way of looking morose. But the hierarchy realised that they could scarcely keep after Labour on taxation without bringing on the Chancellor, who is, howevergloomy an effective debater. So the dust sheets have been kept off him.

The Liberal Democrats'. problem is slightly different. Mr Ashdown apart, the man being fielded rather too frequently for some tastes by their campaign director is Des Wilson. But complaints to the campaign director are likely to achieve little: the director is Des Wilson. If the need to present the

right image keeps some politicians off our screens, it offers great opportunities to others. At the 1987 general election one of the few non-cabinet pearance on the end of the Conservative platform at a morning press conference was a certain John Major,

fature, should the Tories be returned to office. Advancement is clearly on the way for John Maples, the Treasury economic secretary, who was sent to the television studios yesterday to put the gloss on the trade figures.

Colleagues are calling him the human face of the

Early pointers came at the Conservative central council meeting in Torquay which effectively opened the Tory campaign. The three ministers of state chosen to perform on a platform brains trust compered by Jeffrey Archer were Virginia Bottomley (health), the possessor of the best bedside manner in the Tory party, John Patten, the elegant and witty Home Office minister in charge of crime prevention, and Roger. Freeman, normally a safe pair of hands at the transport

He, happily, has now al-most recovered — several boxes of chocolates and public apologies later - from talking about cheep and cheerful



Invisible man: Gerald Kaufman with a windswept voter, well away from the action, in Plymouth yesterday and, left to right below, other leading lights with an image problem, Norman Lamont, John Prescott, William Waldegrave and Roy Hattersley









Thatcher attacked with daffodils

MRS Thatcher was attacked by a woman wielding a bunch of daffodils during a walkabout in the village of Marph Bridge, near Stockport, Greater Manchester, yesterday. As the former prime minister was about to accept the flowers, the woman began flailing them at Mrs Thatcher's head. Her personal detec-tive immediately stepped in and four uniformed police-

men restrained the woman. It was unclear whether any blows connected with Mrs Thatcher, who remained unruffled throughout the brief confrontation. The woman, wearing a green anorak and described as being in her 40s. was led away and interviewed for more than two hours at Stockport police station.
Police did not release her name, but said she had been arrested for causing a breach of the peace. She was released without charge. A senior of-ficer will decide whether to take action after studying a

report.
The woman left the police station refusing to give her name or talk about the inci-dent. Asked if she regretted it, she smiled and said: "No."

Mrs Thatcher was campaigning in support of Sir Thomas Arnold, the local MP, who is defending a majority of less than 2,000. Sir Thomas, who was walking a few paces behind Mrs That cher at the time, said: "The lady looked as if she was about to hand the flowers to her, and instead started to try to strike her. She possibly connected, I don't know. Mrs Thatcher did not seem at al flustered by what happened. and did not mention it to me. not a word. It is one of the hazards of campaigning."

Earlier this month, Sir

Thomas, a Conservative party vice-chairman, was attacked outside his local Conservative club by two robbers who beat him over the head, and then

took his car. Later, Mrs Thatcher shrugged off the daffodil incident when she paused during a visit to a rubber stamp factory in Heaton Mersey. Stockport. Asked if she was shaken, she replied with a smile: "No I was not. I have been campaigning since 1950." She was also asked if it was the most aggressive act she had experienced on the campaign trail. She replied: "Aggressive? What a pity. It was so hard on the daffodils." Mrs Thatcher later spoke

a collective scowl yesterday in the foyer of a central London hotel. Word was out that communists, anarchists and homosexuals were set on disrupting the launch of the British National Party's election manifesto. Fight Back! However, the praetorian guard might have been better deployed below stairs filling an ill attended press conference which saw John to traders in Marple Bridge, who claimed their livelihoods

AS IF responding to the

barked instructions of an in-

visible sergeant-major only

they could hear, a phalanx of

stern-looking young men

with severe haircuts pulled back their shoulders, thrust

out their chests and adopted

Tyndall, the movement's

Mrs Thatcher met residents been closed since last Septemand staff at the home and a ber for flood repairs. small crowd of local school Mrs Thatcher, back on the children and well-wishers waiting to greet her, shelter-ing from a hall storm that election trail yesterday, vowed to add her energy, dynamism and a few helpful speeches to adered down on Warring-

the Conservative campaign Mr Major stood in no danand scorned the opinion polls ger of being upstaged by her entry into the campaign, she that put Labour ahead. The iournalist who canvassed her said. "I'm supporting the prime minister who is taking forward things I believed in." opinion of the polls received a withering glance as she end-ed a visit to Westminster House, a private home for old Her address to the Tory candidates, which was adjudged to have revived a flagging people in Warrington, Lanca-shire. "There will be a lot more opinion polls," she decampaign, had in her view clared, clearly expecting them been quite a boost to them and she was entering the conto give a very different result.

dynamic and energetic.
The trade figures published erday were criticised by Labour politicians as a sign that recession was lingering on. But Mrs Thatcher reject ed any notion that Labour would do any better.

"If this government is overspending a Labour govern-ment would be infinitely worse," she declared. "These are traditional things that happen in recession. Income goes down but expenditure goes on. When the economy starts to expand again in-come will rise and the debt will decrease."



Unruffled: Mrs Thatcher's personal detective shields her from the attacker.

More MP lawyers forecast

ALMOST 200 solicitors and barristers are seeking election almost guaranteeing more lawyer M.Ps.

In the last parliament there were 80 lawyers — 24 solicitors and 56 barristers in the Commons — including Margaret Thatcher. This time there are about 100 solicitor candidates, mostly standing for the Conservatives with the rest divided between Labour and the Liberal Democrats, and at least 71 barrister candidates (6) for the Conserva-tives, ten for the Liberal Democrats, and any Labour

candidates unknown). In the last parliament, of the solicitor MPs, 20 were Tories, three were Labour and one was Plaid Cymru.

The Law Society is running a campaign directed at such candidates and to win support over the issue of legal aid funding. In the run-up to polling day the society will be collecting signatures for its "save legal aid" petition. So far about 20,000 names have been returned and more are

coming in.

The society also plans a "teach-in" session for new MPs soon after the return of the new parliament on how legal aid operates. The society is opposed to the system of fixed fees for magistrates' court work which the Conservatives have pledged to introduce by the summer if they are returned. .

NO BRITISH television camera captured Sir Geoffrey Howe addressing an interna-

tional conference on Europe yesterday. Within four months of Maastricht and 17 months of Sir Geoffrey's resigning as deputy prime minister over Europe, what would once have been a newsworthy combination went largely ig-nored by the British media.

Speaking to the largest gathering in Britain of MPs from Eastern and Western Europe and America, Sir Geoffrey could not compete with the current issues of the election trail: the economy, taxation and unemployment. But his opening address to the Future of Europe conference in London received international coverage as far afield as the Commonwealth

of Independent States Other notable politicians will speak at Lancaster House this week and try to focus attention on Europe - once the key topic, but so far over-looked in the election campaign. Sir Geoffrey will be followed today by Dr David Owen, the former Social Democratic Party leader, and Peter Shore, the former Labour minister, and on Thursday by Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, formerly Roy Jen-

kins, founder and first leader of the SDP. At today's speeches, more media attention is likely to focus on whether Dr Owen, perhaps the country's most famous self-professed floating voter in the present campaign, will use the opportunity of his only scheduled

Britain puts EC to one side

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

speech during the campaign to disclose which way he may veer on polling day. Dr Owen that Europe has faded so quickly and merited so little mention on the hustings. "I would really hope that the public would ask their MPs what their views were on Europe. It is so important

and goes across party lines." Mr Shore is also expected to criticise the lack of debate on Europe and to repeat calls for a national referendum on British people are being denied an opportunity to voice er issues in the ballot box." Yesterday, Sir Geoffrey expounded his pro-European views, earnestly avoiding political pariance. Calling for the EC to be available to Central

the future of Europe. "The

and Eastern European nations, he called for an outer band of the European monetary system to help to stabilise the currencies of states in Central and Eastern Europe.

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Party that hates everybody preaches to empty seats

BY BILL FROST

"queer fraternity", or "Zionempty chairs, furning about a political conspiracy and attacking the England cricket side. Even the most seasoned campaigners sometimes find bitter disappointment hard to conceal when confronted with a chronic lack of reportair gesticulations.

Tyndall said: "Conspiracy, I can think of no other word and the bulk of the national press from this manifesto launch. There is a conspiracy to keep the key issue of race out of this campaign."

ers and photographers. Prodding an angry finger at the all-but empty suite, Mr which explains the absence of television cameras, radio

John Tyndall's party does not like blacks. Asians, socialists, Conservatives, the had been badly threatened founding father, berating

ists". You know he doesn't because when such "anti-British groups" are mentioned, the party leader's body language gets really threatening. Gentle hand movements are supplanted by Dr-Strangelove-style mid-

As for our boys Down Under, forget it. "I do not find the so-called England cricket team to be English look how many black faces are in the World Cup squad. I would rather see fewer trophies being won if it meant fewer black faces. They do nothing to represent our

country or our race," Mr Tyndall said. The British National Par-

ty, if elected, would create a nation of athletes willing to vote in a prime minister "in-definitely", repatriate black immigrants, execute drug smugglers, and give the Eu-ropean Community a sharp kick up the backside. Usurers and international financiers

had better watch out as well. Just in case potential supporters in the 13 constituencies where the party will field candidates might be worried all this smacks of totalitarianism, there is a handy question and answer section at the end of the manifesto. Q: What do you say to allegations that you are fascists or Nazis? A: Fascism was Italian: Nazism was German.

We are British. We will do

things are own way, we will not copy foreigners. Mr Tyndall, swallowing his orange squash and disappointment at the poor turn-

out yesterday, told reporters that the party was poised to deal the big parties a serious blow on April 9. "We stand a real chance of getting our deposits back. Then the election-will be a real victory, a surprise to a lot of people,"

Back in the hotel foyer, the heavies were standing easy. The threatened assault by "anti-British elements" had failed to materialise. "See those guys, so young and so unhappy. What's their problem?" an American tourist in the lobby enquired.

Time is running out for Moscow's dream of a commonwealth



Shaposhnikov: no cash to pay the troops

THE 11 republics of the for- Kravchuk of Ukraine came mer Soviet Union which make up the Commonwealth of Independent States have now held three summit meetings at which the main issues were either removed from the agenda or left unresolved. Each time the participants have found it harder to find peripheral points of agree-

ment to disguise their failure. The Kiev summit, held last Friday, is the first not to have been followed by the immediate publication of any summit documents, even though seven documents were signed by majority of participants. There seems no longer the will to pretend that agreement encompasses more than it really does.

Yesterday, Russian and Kazakh leaders met to try to mend fences, fighting continued in Moldavia and Nagor-

The conflicting priorities of former under pressure to pull his country out of the common-Soviet republics are proving wealth altogether. As yet, the irreconcilable, Mary Dejevsky and 11 states have no military Bruce Clark write from Moscow budget, even though in theory they have an army, or parts of an army, in common. They

mit. Yet the possibility of reaching acceptable compromises seems to become more remote with each meeting. The two biggest states, Russia and Ukraine, continue to be divided by the divergent considerations that led them to found the commonwealth in the first place. Ukraine joined the three-republic Slavonic alliance, as a means of escaping the Soviet Union. Russia saw the alliance as a way of keeping Ukraine in check.

Now, whether the two republics are discussing economic co-operation, the military budget or the strategic forces, those conflicting priorities make agreement unlikely. The smaller republics line up with or against Russia. depending on whether political or economic considerations prevail. The commonwealth as a grouping is being rapidly overtaken by

With only days to go before the commonwealth enters the second quarter of the year without a military budget, Russia said last night it was preparing a two-way accord with Kazakhstan on defence and other issues. The statement marked the latest sign that the former Soviet republics were falling back on bilat-

monwealth as a whole. Marshal Yevgeni Shaposhnikov. the commonwealth armed forces chief, confirmed vesterday that no military budget had been agreed for the second quarter because the acutely sensitive issue of how to define "strategic forces" which automatically come under joint control - had not been senled between Russia and Ukraine

With or without agreements, the republics are forming their own armies. Having emphasised for months that Russia would be the last republic to form an army of its own. President Yeltsin last week announced the creation of a Russian defence ministry that would pave the way for a Russian army. Kazakhstan immediately responded by declaring

eral arrangements because of that it was forming its own national guard. Azerbaijan, Moldavia and Ukraine, on the other hand, have insisted from the beginning that they wanted their own armies. Belorussia recognised the inevitability of maintaining a small army of its own slightly later. Armenia announced recruitment to its own army at the weekend, at the same time as Moldavia decreed that all former Soviet troops on its territory were from now on

under Moldavian command. Russia's decision is the key. however, and means not only that there will probably never be a united commonwealth army, but that the days of the united command of strategic forces could well be numbered. The most cohesive structure likely to emerge is an allied command on the Nato model, and inconsistencies can already be observed

tween "united". "joint" and "allied" - which suggest the eventual acceptance of an alliance rather than anything more closely bound.

The army is only the most conspicuous area where failure to agree brings the commonwealth closer to the loose grouping of states envisaged by Ukraine than to the statelike structure envisaged by Russia. In Kiev. Russia had to accept another feature of the Ukrainian "model", when it accepted that the commonwealth would not have a singie external border, but would have individual state borders. The same is true of the property dispute. The longer that former Soviet property remains subject to no joint agreement, the more likely it is that it will simply be taken over by the republic in

The French regional elections

Humbled Socialists court green parties

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN PARIS

THE ruling Socialist party began licking its wounds yes terday after a drubbing at the hands of French voters which saw its support plummet from 29 per cent to 18.3 per cent. Less than one in five voted Socialist in Sunday's

regional elections.
The traditional right-wing alliance — Jacques Chirac's Rally for the Republic party (RPR) and Valery Giscard d'Estaing's Union for French Democracy (UDF) - fared better, with support from a third of the electorate. But though they emerged with the highest level of support, the RPR-UDF total vote percentage dropped by six points compared with the last regional ballot in 1986.

Jean-Marie Le Pen's extreme right-wing National Front failed to make the huge gains predicted by worried French analysts during the campaign, but the party's share of the vote jumped by a considerable four points; 3.4 million adults — 13.9 per cent of those who voted -

Eta bomb kills son of officer

Madrid: The son of a retired Spanish army officer became the latest victim of the Basque separatist organisation Eta yesterday when he was blown up by a bomb attached to his father's car in the centre of Madrid (Frank Smith writes).

Juan José Carrasco, aged 26, was the 18th person to die at the hands of Eta in Spain this year, and the sixth in the which killed him exploded in the old part of Madrid, close to where Eta blew up five members of the Spanish army in a car bomb attack six weeks ago.

In the past 10 months, the organisation has struck five times in this area, where the Spanish army has one of its

main headquarters.
The latest killing comes after a series of police successes against Eta over the weekend, including the arrest of a suspected member of the organisation in Catalonia.

EC rejects ban on toxic waste

Brussels: European Community environment ministers have rejected calls for a ban on the export of toxic waste from the EC, inching instead towards a European Commission compromise (Tom

Walker writes).

Members differ on how much toxic waste should be allowed across Community borders. Some nations argued during their meeting yesterday that it was impractical to expect states to process

Suspect vintage

Rome: Italy has ordered quality controls on all domestically produced table wines to improve its image after the seizure of gallons of contaminated wine this year. Marks & Spencer earlier recalled a white and a red. (Reuter)

Tough budget

Warsaw: Jan Olszewski, Poland's prime minister, unveiled an austerity budget with steep price increases for coal, electricity, gas and rents. The measures will help to end high subsidies inherited from the communists. (AP)

posed the best programme for their region. In the Ile de France region, dominated by Paris, the National Front dealt a crushing blow to the Socialists, snatching 37 seats as opposed to 33.
And in Provence-Alpes-

Côte d'Azur, where Bernard Taple, with Socialist backing, had vowed to smash the power of the extreme right, the front registered 23.3 per cent popular support against 22.7 for the Socialist-aligned list of candidates. In Alsace, the Socialists trailed the front by 13.3 per cent to 17.2 per cent. M Le Pen has promised to build on his level of support for the parliamentary elections next year. The National Front, he said yesterday, aims to be in government.

President Mitterrand, also with an eye on next year's election, is already under pressure to dismiss Edith Cresson, his unpopular prime minister. There was renewed speculation last night that she could be replaced within two months, but no indication that a successor had been chosen. Because M Mitterrand does not like to be perceived as a president who makes decisions under pressure, any change seems unlikely for some weeks.

M Mitterrand, who has changed the voting system twice since being elected 11 years ago, is likely to do so again before next year's gen-eral elections. He has promised "a certain amount" of proportional representation in any new system, but re-mains tight-lipped on exactly which method will be used.

If the Socialists were the losers in Sunday's election, the real winners turned out to be the ecologist parties. The rival Génération Ecologie and Green parties scored 7.1 per cent and 6.8 per cent of the popular vote respectively

 a combined total of 14 per cent. In Ile de France, the total ecological vote of 18.4 per cent left the Socialists, National Front and Communists trailing behind. In Alsace-Lorraine and Basse-Normandie, close to one in five voters plumped for green-minded candidates.

have no agreement on pre-

serving economic ties or co-

ordinating economic policy.

They have no agreement on a

formal division of former

Soviet property, military and

civilian, and they have no

agreed definition of "strategic

forces" - those parts of the

former Soviet armed forces.

including all the nuclear

forces, that are to be kept

together under central

These are all highly com-

plex and contentious issues

and require time and intri-

cate negotiation. In one form

or another, they have figured

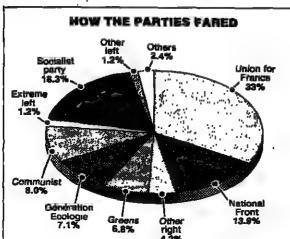
The Communist party's share of the vote fell in every region, but it claimed victory on the ground that the pundits had predicted the party would be practically annihilated. In fact, George Marchais's party dropped only two points, down to 8 per cent of public support.

turn-out on polling day. Politicians saw abstention rates soar to over 50 per cent in 1988 and 1989 and many had expressed a worry that such a phenomenon last Sunday would benefit the National Front. Newspapers and magazines took a hard line in the five days running up to the ballot, with the influential, left-wing Le Nouvel Observateur proclaiming on its front cover: "To abstain is to vote for Le Pen."

The Socialist party repeated this message at every opportunity and was initially delighted with the 70 per cent turn-out, but this did not aid their candidates, though it may have cut the front's percentage. The two green parties and the Communists, it now appears, gained most from the high turn-out.

The Socialists last night issued an indirect call to the ecologists, suggesting "progressive alliances" in future elections. The call was not a new one, but in the past it could have been seen as Socialist magnanimity. Yester-day it looked as if they needed

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Long and short of it: Chanel's shawlover trousers and hunting jacket, left, designed by Karl Lagerfeld, being shown off at the winter ready-to-wear collections in Paris yesterday. The Scherrer collection featured a leather jacket and skirt, and an embroidered blouse over taffeta skirt for evening

Envoy's defence of Islam angers Bonn

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

WILFRIED Hofmann, Germany's ambassador to Morocco, is under pressure to resign after writing a robust defence of Islamic fundamentalism. He converted to Islam 13 years ago.

"The preservation of the marriage is also served by the often basically misunderstood instruction of the Koran whereby a man may beat his wife," he writes in Islam as an Alternative, which also argues there is nothing wrong in a man having four wives.

The ambassador, aged 61, has only one wife — a Turkish former model called Bülben who had a small part in From Russia With Love, the James Bond film. He refuses to say if

The book also tries to explain why Islamic courts only place half as much importance on the evidence of women - "There are certain days when they can possibly be less reliable" — and why women should not be able to inherit as much as men. It is fully supportive of the Koran's commandments to cut the hands off thieves, and

stoning as another punish-ment. The book has raised a storm even before publication. After Herr Hofmann defended his views on television last week, the foreign ministry warned him that he must consider the German constitution before making any public statements. The ambassador denies giving any cause for doubt about his support for the constitution, and says his whole aim in writing the book was to pre-vent the north-south conflict growing through a lack of.

Herr Hofmann's good intentions have been lost on Herta Däubler-Gmelin, dep-uty leader of the Social Democrats, who have made equal rights for women a cornerstone of policy. She has de-manded his recall because "such a man no longer repre-sents our country". She sees his book as the "work of a rather naive German macho. who doesn't even know what it says in our constitution: beatings and violence in marriage are criminal offences. Polygamy carries a two-year

Britain endorses Georgian autonomy

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR. AND OLLI KIVINEN

BRITAIN joined the rest of the European Community yesterday in recognising the independence of the former Soviet republic of Georgia. John Major wrote to Eduard Shevardnadze, the acting head of state and former Soviet foreign minister, con-

firming the move. city's avenues and squares were filled with revelling supporters of the Demo-Alone of the 12 former Soviet republics, Georgia has remained outside the Com-monwealth of Independent cratic party who have swept to a convincing victory over the ruling Socialists. The Democrats, led by the char-ismatic former heart sur-geon, Sali Berisha, one of the founder members of the States, and was not recog-nised by the EC when relations were established with the other commonwealth states. During the fighting that followed the revolt opposition movement in against the rule of Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the deposed president, the EC withheld 1990, have gained about 68 per cent of the vote, the Socialists a mere 22 per cent. The opposition has thus overturned the two-thirds majority which the recognition as a mark of disapproval of Mr Gamsakhurdia's dictatorial style and Socialists secured in Alba-nia's first free elections last March, and the clear marbecause neither side had control of the government.

Since Mr Shevardnadze's return to Tbilisi and the end to the fighting, Britain has been pressing the EC for swift recognition of the country. The Community has been asrights, provide guarantees for ethnic minorities and will follow democratic procedures

Aleksandr Chikvaidze, his

and Co-operation in Europe Today foreign ministers

spluttering lorries raced up and down Tirana's main The jubilation began in the early morning with a cacophony of car horns, boulevard, accompanied by the screech of lorries and

Joy on wheels as

Tirana revels in

Democrat victory

Democrats prepare a gentle purge

after their big victory in Albania,

Anne McElvoy writes from Tirana

victory songs resounding through the usually silent

By breakfast time, the

gin of victory exceeded even its own expectations. The Socialists up to now

have retained a strong grip on the country's institu-

tions and media which the

new government is intent on overturning. A spokes-man for the Socialist party admitted that it had suf-fered a heavy defeat and

spoke of the party, the suc-

cessor to the communists, holding only 32 of the par-liament's 140 seats. Responding to news of the victory, Mr Berisha, his

voice hoarse after weeks of campaigning, said: "This is a great day for Albania. The

people have had a long

night and a deep sleep. They have succeeded in

overcoming communist oc-

cupation and in walking

the path of freedom and democracy."

For 41 years Albanians were forbidden to own pri-

vate cars. Yesterday they took enthusiastically to their newly acquired wheels

to express their high spirits. Cars, motorcycles and

streets of Tirana.

The passengers flew both their own and the American flag and brandished the blue-and-white banners of the Democratic party. The Italian lorries delivering bread supplies were deco-rated with flowers as they trundled through towns and villages dispensing the humanitarian aid which keeps Albanians alive.

A convoy of 60 lorries drove into town from Kav-aje, south of Tirana, where Mr Berisha has his constituency. There was hardly an unsmiling face to be seen. The Hotel Tirana's chambermaids embraced guests. The breakfast waiters so far forgot themselves as to provide breakfast.

At noon in the main square, the muezzin, reinstated in his mosque since the ban on religion was lifted in 1990, competed with the pop music blaring out to welcome Mr Berisha. The crowd chanted: "Down with En-ver Hoxha [the late dictator, down with Ramiz Alia the country's president, Albania belongs to us." Mr Alia, who held the same post under Hoxha and succeeded him could have been all the same post under Hoxha and succeeded him could have been all the same beautiful to the same all the same ceeded him as leader in 1985, is likely to be the first victim of the Democrats' plan to purge the country of old communist influence.

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Responding to Socialist fears that he would use his overwhelming mandate to embark on a campaign of retribution against former Communists, he said: "One thing we cannot afford is a taste for revenge. There were so many crimes that to search out perpetrators would leave us with no one to do the searching. The situation is too desperate to waste time in vengeance."

Kirghiz fear struggle to run their own land

FROM JASPER BECKER IN BISHKEK

THE republic of Kirghizia has adopted a new flag, but it is hard to find many people in its capital. Bishkek, who are over-enthusiastic about their new-found independence. We are just not ready for it. We are too small to survive on our own," an English-speaking receptionist at the Otrar hotel said.

Kirghizia, with four million people and 10 million sheep, was one of the last parts of Central Asia to be annexed by the Russian empire, just over a century ago. The mountainous country on the border with China has never until now existed as an internationally recognised state. Its borders were drawn up in the 1920s by Soviet commissars, and they now include large numbers of Uzbeks and exclude 130,000 Kirghiz over the border in China. Some

now fear, though, that the economic reforms, especially the privatisation of land, small businesses and factories, will trigger off an outbreak of ethnic violence. Less than a year ago 500 people died in fighting between na-tive Kirghiz and Uzbeks at the border town of Osh in the Furghana valley. "A civil war is inevitable if nothing is done to solve the ethnic tensions," a

researcher at the Academy of

Most of the inhabitants of this small isolated state are Kirghiz sheep farmers who live outside the urban areas in traditional yurts -- round feltcovered tents. The tents are celebrated in the new flag. which has a picture of a yurt against a red background. The industrial economy is. however, controlled by the Russians and other newcom-

ers, while commerce and much of the good farming land is in the hands of the Uzbeks, famed for their mer-Akaev Askar, the country's

president aged 48, is a liberal



and former academic, and as such is unusual among the other regional leaders who are all former Communist party members. He is setting up a special fund to train native Kirghiz to take over high positions in the commercial and industrial sectors. He also wants them to be able to take over the running of small shops and restaurants. The fund will also be used to buy up land that would otherwise fall into the hands of the

The president, as he admitted in an interview, is finding it hard to force the Communist bureaucracy to obey his orders. "There is considerable resistance," he said. He is helping to set up two parties: the Party of Businessmen and the Party of Peasant Landowners. If he fails, some Kirghiz fear the initiative will fall into the lap of nationalists or pro-Islamic activists. One such group has already declared that the country should put "Kirghiz rights above hu-man rights".

sared by the new government that it will respect human Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, wrote yesterday to

Georgian opposite number, offering to establish diplomatic relations. Sir Rodric Braithewaite, the British ambassador in Moscow, is to seek accreditation to Tbilisi In Helsinki, delegates at the Conference on Security

accepted Georgia, Slovenia and Croatia as new members of the human rights monitoring and peacekeeping group. will sign the "open skies" agreement which will allow CSCE participants to conduct surveillance flights over

Blacks accuse de Klerk of reneging on cabinet vow

By GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

BLACK leaders in South Africa were furious last night after President de Klerk's government failed to offer them an immediate say in the government of the country.

A first round of post-referendum negotiations ended in stalemate, with black leaders rejecting an offer of a limited advisory role in the first phase of an interim government. The African National Congress and its allies described the plan as a system of "toy telephones" which left all power in the hands of the ruling National party. Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC secretary-general, accused Preto-ria of reneging on an agreement two weeks ago to form a multiracial cabinet pending a new constitution.

The National party pro-posed that a number of transitional councils be established by the negotiating parties, which would make recommendations on new legislation. The present cabinet and parliament, from which blacks are excluded, would remain in office until the election of a transitional government

The ANC said the proposals were "objectionable in many fundamental respects". It and its allies said the councils would have no powers to carry out decisions reached at the multiparty negotiating forum, the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa), and the present government could veto their

recommendations. Government sources said yesterday the ANC had compromised its full participation in the executive by insisting on joint control without joint responsibility. They said the National party's latest pro-

China jails **Britons** in drug case

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Peking: A Shanghai court convicted two Britons and two Germans on drug charges yesterday and gave one of the Britons a 15-year jail term in a show of China's determination to fight its growing drug problem. Al-though several Hong Kong and Burmese men have been executed on drug charges, it tences China has imposed on a Westerner for any crime short of espionage.

The 15-year term was given to Lauchlan Campbell, aged 41, for transporting more than 171b of hashish. The Shanghai intermediate peo-ple's court also fined him \$3,000 (£1,765). Robert Hugh Davies, aged 32, was sentenced to 82 years and fined \$1,830 for possessing and trafficking in hashish.

Dieter Hauser, aged 33, and Werner Schmidt, aged 35, were given eight-year sentences and fined \$1,830 (£1,076) each. They were arrested together in Shanghai last August as they prepared to board a boat to Japan. Police said that they were smuggling 71b of hashish. (AP)

Police torture

London: Indian police routinely torture suspects in prison, where hundreds have died from beatings, and women are regularly raped in cells. Amnesty International said in a report. Despite a clear pattern of people being tortured to death, "at the highest political level successive governments have flativ denied that torture takes place, much less done anything to stop it," it said. Victims, including pregnant women and children, were almost all poor. (AFP)

Paradise lost

Rio de Janeiro: A poll has found that 78 per cent of Brazilians think their country "corruption paradise" More than three out of four think that the authorities are not doing enough to punish offenders. (Reuter)

Final act

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Baltimore: A performer dressed as an alien representing the evil of drugs died after fireworks strapped to his chest blew up instead of sending out a shower of sparks during an intermission at a truck show. (AP)

mise, which would give all parties and race groups a say in running the country until elections for a transitional

The ANC's blueprint for power-sharing envisaged an interim government council drawn from all the parties participating in Codesa, to supervise the present cabinet and tricameral parliament. It would not assume full responsibility for government be-cause of ANC fears that it would be blamed for administering the remnants of apartheid while not having sufficient power to eradicate

Another contentious issue is the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe Throughout the recent white referendum campaign, cabi-net ministers insisted they would not enter into any agreement on interim gov-ernment until the ANC finally renounced its "armed struggle". Nelson Mandela, the ANC president has rei-erated that the wing would not be disbanded until the South African Defence Force had been phased out.

Serious controversy has arisen over the justice ministry's announcement that 17 death row prisoners are to be hanged, ending a two year moratorium on executions. The ministry said the condemried persons, who were not identified, had exhausted appeal procedures instituted under judicial reforms in 1990. The reforms abolished the mandatory death sentence for murder without extenuating circumstances, and for the first time gave condemned persons an automatic right of appeal. The ministry said the sentences of 19 prisoners had been commut-

ed to terms of imprisonment. Peter Soal, a Democratic party member of parliament, said he would urge Mr de Klerk to delay the executions until the issue had been resolved at Codesa, during negotiations on a Bill of Rights. "The government is jumping the grun after acting so admired." the gun after acting so admi-rably on the issue," he said. "It is up for discussion at Codesa. These people have been on death row for years, so what does a few more months matter?" The ANC said the decision was unacceptable, in view of continuing Codesa negotiations on capital punishment, "To announce, so soon after the referendum where white South Africa voted for the peace process, that executions could

take place is to fly in the face of the spirit of reconciliation." The lawyers for a human rights organisation said the decision was in contempt of the negotiations at Codesa. Its spokesman said: "None of the prisoners has received notices of execution yet. This is going to cause a panic on death row". The are 310 pris-oners condemned to death in Pretoria's central prison.

Leader quits: Piet Rudolph, a leader of South Africa's neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement, announced his resignation because of the "undemocratic" leadership of Eugene Terre Blanche. His decision follows the right wing's referendum defeat. (AFP)



in a snow shower as they attended a reception for President Goncz of Hungary in Boston, where the Roman Catholic hierarchy opposes their marriage

Clinton booed for playing at segregated club

FROM PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR. IN LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS

A ROUND of golf at a whitesonly dub brought Bill Clinton problems as he prepared for today's Connecticut primary. He was booed by black voters as he fought off personal attacks from his remaining challenger, Jerry Brown.

Mr Clinton quickly apologised for playing last week at the Little Rock country club where he has privileges as governor. He said he would not play there again until it

Mr Brown attacked the "hypocrisy" of a man who presented himself as a friend of the Afro-American community but had done nothing for them. "Even George Bush wouldn't dare play golf at an all-white club," he said. In New Haven, Connecti-

cut, Mr Clinton had the tough task of addressing a mainly black audience which had been "warmed up" by Mr Brown and the Rev Jesse Jackson. Mr Brown raised cheers by saying that he would ask Mr Jackson to be his running mate. Mr Clin-ton, who had marched to mark six recent shooting deaths, was booed when he first appeared. He did not mention his game, preferring to echo Lincoln at Gettysburg. "It is for us to try to sanctify these lives that we come to mourn.

The aim of the Brown campaign is to keep the contest alive by attracting blacks and former Paul Tsongas sup-porters with attacks on Mr Clinton. Yesterday Mr Brown called his rival "the greatest bluffer to enter American politics in my lifetime" and

accused him of wanting "a politburo-type, one-candidate strategy for the Democratic

party.

After Connecticut the battle will move to New York where the level of insults looks set to reach new heights. The New York Times yesterday predicted that its home city would host "perhaps the meanest primary campaign yet".

Mr Brown has made much

of a photograph of Mr Clin-ton and black inmates, taken at a work-camp alternative to prison during the Georgia primary. "What's the mess-age of that?" he asked an audience on Sunday. "He's saying: we have them under control, folks, don't worry."

Connecticut voters have been cheated of the primary they would have liked today. The withdrawal of Mr Tsongas and the decision by Patrick Buchanan to halt his personal attacks on George Bush has brough a reduction in drama and national attention. A low turn-out is expected, despite local fears of the declining defence industries and the loss of jobs.

Mr Clinton continued yes-terday to come under fire from journalists investigating his record. According to the Los Angeles Times, he lobbied legislators in 1986 to approve a state contract for a political backer who later pleaded guilty to cocaine possession.
This is the latest of several charges, none of which have attracted the electorate in the way that earlier sex and draftdodging allegations did.

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PEOPLE 7/1 Midler wins right to her

THE United States Supreme Court has upheld a \$400,000 (about £230,350) award to the singer-actress Bette Midler from the Young and Rubicam advertising agency, which used a "soundalike" singer for a Ford television commercial. The award had been made by a Los Angeles jury, which found that Midler's exclusive right to her vocal style had been violated.

own voice

Formet African presidents are to form a Council of Elders to tackle the continent's sion was taken at a meeting in Tanzania attended by former presidents Aristides Percira of Cape Verde, Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, and Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria.

The tarmac at Auckland airport had to be steam-cleaned twice before the Pope could kiss the ground on arrival in New Zealand, the former prime minister, David Lange, has disclosed. Mr Lange said the area was used by race horses flown from

The Marquess of Bath, aged 87, has been taken to hospital with chest and influenza

Fred Trueman is backing a campaign by Lancastrians who want to return to Yorkshire. He is to deliver a 2,500name petition from people living in Barnoldswick on the border between the two counties to the Campaign for Real Yorkshire, based in York

The Vatican said it was still considering a request by co for an annulment of her first marriage, to Philippe



Princess Caroline: wait for annulment

Lockerbie pair to be given to Arab League

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

LIBYA has agreed to hand over two of its citizens, suspected of blowing up a PanAm airliner, to the Arab League, it was reported last night. All Ahmed al Hou-dary, Libya's ambassador to the United Nations, said it would then be up to the Arab League to decide their future.

Bourros Bourros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, had proposed that Libya surrender to the Arab League two intelligence agents wanted in connection with the Lockerble bombing as a face-saving way of delivering them to Britain or America to stand trial, diplomats said.

The secretary-general made the proposal in a telephone conversation with his old colleague, Amr Moussa, the Egyptian foreign minis-ter. But Britain rejected a call by the Arab League to delay UN sanctions against Libva until an international court rules whether the two Libyans should be handed over to the West. "Negotiations on a resolution to impose limited sanctions on Libya will continue at the UN," a Foreign Office spokesman said.

The International Court of Justice in The Hague is to open hearings on Thursday at Libya's request into whether the two Libyans wanted by Britain and America should be handed over for trial. Libya had indicated it would be willing to hand them over to an Arab country if it was guaranteed that they would not then be sent to Britain or America, Diplomats said Dr

Bource Ghali left unclear what would happen to the

men once they had been handed over to the league. In Iraq, a UN arms expert confirmed that Baghdad had destroyed Scud ballistic missiles which it only declared to the UN last week. Speaking after a second day checking Iraqi claims with his 35-man inspection team, Derek Boothby, a Briton, said they had seen destroyed ballistic missiles and guidance sys tems components at three

Asked if he was able to verify that the Iraqis destroyed the previously undeclared Scuds as announced in a letter to the UN last week Mr Boothby said: "Yes, we have been able to verify that. We have not been able to verify all the details, but ... we have seen some of the missiles they destroyed."

• Kiev: Ukraine's thirst for oil and its "trade war with Russia" is pushing it toward oil for export deals with Islamic states, such as Libya and Kuwait (Robert Seely

Two sets of economic emergency measures will be debated today to cope with shortages of energy which have left the streets of many cities devoid of cars and its factories working half time. Although nuclear weapon sales have been ruled out, it is believed that the oil for exports deals with Middle Eastern and North African countries will include sales of conventional

Toll rises after Kurdish clashes

By HAZHIR TEIMOURIAN

THE weekend's official death toll in the Kurdish provinces of southeast Turkey rose to 40 yesterday when it was announced that a soldier and a policeman had died during fighting in the town of

Mustafa Malay, Sirnak's provincial military governor, said that all official buildings had been damaged during attacks by the guerrillas of the Workers' Party of Kurdistan who took over the town centre on Sunday night. The army had later captured the buildings the guerrillas had used as their headquarters, he said, and arrested large numbers of "terrorists".

A curfew imposed in Sirnak on Saturday, when 13 people died during celebrations

marking Nawruz, the Kurdish new year, was extended, as it was in a number of towns in 11 provinces which have been under emergency rule since 1980. Agence France-Presse put the death toll at a minimum of 53, adding that some of the dead might have been buried secretly to avoid reprisals against their families. At least 200 were said to

have been injured. In Diyarbakir, the ancient cultural capital of Kurdistan, a Turkish newspaper, Suz, said the military had set fire t 50 houses in Sirnak. No figure was available for any civilian casuaities. In an interview with Ankara's left-wing newspaper, Milliyet, Abdullah Ocalan, a former lawyer who

the beginning of the liberation of the Kurds. "From now on, every day will be Nawruz," he said. From his training base in the Bekas valley of eastern Lebanon, he told the newspaper that the workers' party had more than 10,000 guerrillas, Mr Ocalan founded the

leads the workers' party, said

that this new year heralded

marxist party in 1984 with the aim of schieving an independent state for the estimated 20 million Kurds in Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Syria. Since people have died in clashes between his guerrillas and the security forces of Turkey and in reprisals carried out by both sides on alleged collaborators.

Bible Belt salutes Shamir over settlements

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JURIUSALEM

FOR a few moments yesterday Yitzhak Shamir, Israel's hard-pressed prime minister, was able to block out the harsh realities of his government's worsening predica-ment at home and abroad, when he enjoyed a rapturous reception from a group of visiting fundamentalist Christians from America's Bi-

ble Belt. Putting aside his falling popularity in the opinion polls, dire economic problems, attacks on Israeli diplomats abroad and worsening relations with America, Mr Shamir enjoyed the increasingly rare sensation of being applauded by an American audience for his uncompro- dreds of pro-Zionist Chrismising stand over the occupied territories. We have been asked to stop building villages and homes in Judea and Samar-

ia," the Israeli leader told the evangelists, using the biblical names for the occupied West Bank, "With all respect, I have to say we cannot agree ... There can only be one meaning to this demand: it is

an attempt to undermine Israel's borders and the ultimate status of the areas in question in advance of negotiations. This little country is all that we have - and it is ours." The message may have been well received by the hun-

picture on the current state of US-Israeli relations was emerging only a few miles away where Pentagon investigators were conducting their second day of inspections to verify whether the Jewish state has been illegally exporting American military technology, donated to Israel as part of the annual \$1.8 billion (£1.05 billion) in military aid.

tians, but a very different

Whether or not the allegations prove to be correct, the inspections have left an indelible stain on an alliance which used to be one of the most unshakeable in the world, but which today is

lurching from one confrontation to another.

 Beirut: A gun battle between Lebanese police and the Syrian army yesterday killed two Syrian soldiers, wounded two and brought into question Syria's role in Lebanon (Ali Jaber writes). Radio reports said police

clashed with vegetable sellers parking their carts on prohibited space on the southern highway leading to Beirut. But a security source said the police opened fire on a Syrian major and five of his bodyguards who tried to protect the vendors. The major was seriously wounded and two of his bodyguards killed.

TUNIS NOTEBOOK by Christopher Walker

Time and money running out for the PLO old guard

The Palestine Liberation A Organisation has forfeited more than \$100 million (£59 million) from Saudi Arabia in retaliation for backing Iraq in the Gulf war, thereby provoking its most serious internal trouble since being driven from Lebanon by Israel in 1982.

Work at its headquarters in Tunis has ground to a virtual halt because of lack of cash, and since October the ageing leadership here has been marginalised by the refusal of Israel to permit it to play a direct role in the new Middle East peace process. "I used to have a budget of \$200.000 a month, now I do not have a cent," said Ahmed Abdulrahman, the organisation's director of information. "We have nothing to do. because we do not even have the money to produce a single

Mr Abdulrahman disclosed in an interview in his he attempted a reconcilia-

heavily guarded villa that since the Golf confrontation prince during a recent Isstarted in August 1990, the PLO has lost funds totalling \$6 million a month. "There is no production inside the PLO any more," he stated. An emergency meeting of the central council has been

called in Tunis early next month in a desperate attempt to devise ways of per-suading the oil-rich Gulf states to resume funding the PLO. "What has happened is that we have been nearly closed down, as Israel always wanted, yet it is being done by other Arab states." Mr Abduirahman said. "We are going to appeal for a change of heart from Saudi Arabia, for a new page to be turned and the past to be forgotten.

So far the Saudis have shown no enthusiasm for forgiving the Palestinians, and Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, was snubbed when

Salaries are still being paid to most of the 2,000 PLO staff in Tunisia despite the fact that many are not working. But it is feared these



Arafat's bridal worry: Suha Tawil, aged 28

payments will soon dry up if new sources of funding are not found. Offices abroad are being severely trimmed and other cuts made. The cash problem has been matched by fundamenPLO's role, with many younger members feeling that its structure as an old-style national liberation movement is outdated and increasingly irrelevant. The old faces here are being challenged by new ones, like Hanan Ashrawi, from within the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, home to about one-third of the six million Palestinian

tal questions about the establish Palestinian auton-

community. The PLO is increasingly split into those 'inside' the occupied territories and those 'outside,' who are feeling more and more left out but have little room for manocuvre," a senior Western envoy said. "There is a feeling that the Tunis leadership. is retreating further and further to the sidelines."

Although lip service is being paid to the PLO's role as the puppet master pulling the strings of the Palestinians sitting down at the negotiating tables, moves to

The state of the s

omy inside the West Bank erode further the position of the "outsiders". The new malaise is easily detected among the bored and idle officials scattered in expensive villas in coastal suburbs on the outskirts of Tunis. Reports in the Egyptian press that the PLO is considering moving to Yemen, as part of its austerity programme and because of growing Tunisian government restrictions, are being denied.,

M r Arafat, deeply embarrassed by the publicity given to his secret marriage to a young aide aged 28, has refused to give any interviews for the past two months. Officials say that, although his personal position remains unassail-able, he is under increasing pressure to democratise the PLO organisation and

Skin-deep politics deter **Tamil Nadu defectors**

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN MADRAS

J. JAYALALITHA, the chief selves to stop them defecting minister of the southern state of Tamil Nadu, is ensuring her followers' loyalty by encouraging them to tattoo her

image on their arms. Some cabinet ministers have complied, thus avoiding the possibility of a sudden break in their political careers. Mass tattooings are now under way among the

village poor. Over a thousand poor women in a housing complex in Madras, the state capital, lined up to have Ms Jayalalitha's image put on their arms by a tattooist using a rickety, battery-driven machine. Many cried with pain. The tattooist, ignoring the Aids scare, did not bother to change the blunted needle and went home with his pock-

ets bulging with money. The tattoo is Tamil Nadu's symbol of political sycophancy. A previous chief minister, known only as MGR, ordered his supporters to brand them-

to rival parties. Ms Jayalalitha is not being so obvious, but the tacit message is clear enough.

Some are not content to stop at this gesture of commitment. K.A.Sengottiyan, a state minister, pulled a goldplated carriage around the Mariamman temple in Madras to invoke divine blessings for his boss, not to mention possible favours for himself. Another minister, D. Jayakumar, had the walls from Ms Jayalalitha's house to the party secretariat plastered with big posters in praise of the "living legend".

The party has four million paid-up members and the chief minister has observed these obeisances silently, but with evident satisfaction. She is riding a wave of popularity, in large measure because of her all-out drive against the Tamil Tigers, accused of murdering Rajiv Gandhi, the former prime minister.

Woodrow **Wyatt**

The civil war between the Puritans and Cavaliers is not over

nly 17 days to go and the bookmakers make Labour favourites. "If they can't get it right in 13 years they never will," Neil Kinnock says. The Tories are failing to convince that they did get it right, also that the lowering of interest rates which caused the post-1987 boomerang boom

was backed by John Smith. Mr Smith's recipe for recovery is to raise the budget deficit even higher and increase the Tories' public spending. He would also punitively tax the modestly prosperous. Yet he mysteriously claims that his costly tax rearrangements would make 80 per cent of families better off, so blowing to bits his argument that government borrowing should not be used to finance tax cuts. The Civil War between the Puritans and the Cavaliers has never ended. It causes conflict within the minds of almost every individual. The outright Puritans are more comfortable with Labour, the Cavaliers with the Conservatives.

Labour's charge that the Cavaliers have had much too jolly a time since 1979 and should now be walloped by higher taxes, supposedly to benefit the less fortunate, has some appeal. If it were true that spending much more than the government plans on, say, the NHS and education, would actually improve them, it might be justified. But the record proves that under Labour most extra spending has a zero or negative effect. Another tier of bureaucracy would be reintroduced into health care. The ever more successful Trust Hospitals within the NHS would be abolished. Pay for the powerful NHS unions to which Labour is in hock would soar, as would overmanning. The NHS, which now provides a remarkably good service, would end up providing a far Worse one at much greater cost.

similar disaster would befall Labour's boasted extra spending on education. Schools now running their own budgets would be forbidden to do so. The education reforms would be reversed, and extra spending from the centre would be more than swallowed up by reductions in efficiency and standards.

This would delight the Puritans but dismay the guilt-ridden Cavaliers, who would wonder, too late, why they had used their votes to let it happen. Labour opposes the "immorality" of making money through owning shares. So the newly-privatised industries would be hobbled, to become as profitless as possible. Labour has resisted every move to widen house ownership, still preferring houses to be built and owned by councils, whose direct labour costs are far above those of private enterprise.

Labour persuades the undecided voters that it is the forward-looking party of the future and that the Torles are backward-looking traditionalists. Yet the Tory manufesto offers exciting future changes. Labour thumps the socialist drums of yesteryear, down to union leaders deciding economic policy at No Every significant change proposed by Labour is damagingly regressive. Posing as the friend of business, Labour intends to shower public money on undertakings thought too risky by private investors but which seem a good 'punt" with voters' money.

The Tories must wake from their lethargy and proclaim their lasting achievements in lifting Britain from decline since 1979 — achievements which will be magnified by the coming recovery. Many undecided voters are forgetful, blind and deaf. Mr Major, whom a substantial majority want as prime minister, must use searchlights and loudhailers to rouse them to reality.

Burning our money in the classroom

Opposition calls for more cash won't buy better schools, says Janet Daley

oes education improve when more money is spent on it? Both opposion a state primary school which tion parties say that it does, and wasted weeks on diffuse, incoherthe electorate seem to believe them. But a feature of London life ent "projects", my daughter had in the 1970s and '80s was the discovered a cupboard full of migration of parents from Labpersonal calculators which had never even been unpacked. This our boroughs which spent more than the national average on same junior school (in a very lowachieving London borough which schools, to Conservative ones constantly complained of "lack of which spent less but achieved resources") also owned a profes-sional smoke-making machine, which had been used once for a higher educational standards. Now that moving house has become almost impossible, parents (shadow education spokes-

school play. We desperately need to know man Jack Straw among them) are simply sending their children out whether what is now accepted as of Labour boroughs to schools in "the crisis in our schools" is due to the closest Tory authority which underfunding or to the deliberate accepts educational evacuees. dismantling of traditional forms of teaching which was engineered by Labour authorities in coopera-Others withdraw their children from state schools to send them to private primaries which have far tion with the teaching unions. If the latter, then Labour's successlewer facilities - scarcely more than rooms full of desks with ful hijacking of education as a blackboards at the front - in campaign issue is a Big Lie of order to find teaching which does not waste their children's time and insult their intelligence. staggering proportions. Anecdotal evidence comes into

its own when we look at the claims of political parties that money put into education is always money

well-spent. When I worked in higher education, I was struck by its strange financial logic. Before polytechnics were freed from local authority control, they had no responsibility for their own finances. Nor did they have any decision-making power over how budgets were allocated. When it is in no one's interest to save money. because underspending the allorted budget will cause it to be cut in the next financial year (and one is not free to move funds from one caregory to another), looking for bargains does not count as a . virtue. Thus, it was an open secret among suppliers that the public purse was effectively bottomless.

Education, which tends to equate extravagance with quality. a sitting duck for this kind of abuse. I remember an eager young technical assistant just arrived from industry who was startled to discover that the poly was being charged twice the price for steel rod that he had been paying at a private firm. The

embarassed head of department had never encountered such a complaint before. He said that if the assistant was worried about it. he could ring the firm himself. He did exactly that. After some argy-bargy, in which he made it clear that he was familiar with the industrial price of steel rod, the supplier agreed to reduce his charge, but threatened, "We'll just put it on the bill somewhere eise. Education is where we make our profit."

The companion to this story is one about a small, private art school in London which decided that it might be able to afford a photocopier. A company rep was summoned, and his reasonable quotation for the hire of a suitable machine was accepted. The next morning, the principal of this impecunious establishment received a visit from the embarrassed rep. The price he had offered had been a mistake. "That was the trade price," he explained. "But you're education." The edu-

almost twice as high. When the principal protested, the rep turned sulky. "You're ILEA." he muttered petulantly, "what does it matter?" Whereupon, it was explained to him that the college was not part of the ILEA but a self-supporting business surviving entirely on students' fees, and a compromise was reached.

It is precisely this kind of waste that the Conservative policy of local management of schools is designed to stop. Although Labour politicians have now accepted this form of devolved power, they still talk about "resources" as if they were the final answer to all educational problems, thereby obscuring what should be the real argument.

If we want to know what is really going wrong in schools, we must look at the ways in which they have changed most over the past thirty years: insisting that every child reinvent the wheel through personal discovery, and

wasting the energies of teachers by forcing them to go over the same ground many times with a class divided into groups which are difficult to control. The educators have inflicted these mutations upon themselves. To complain that there are no extra funds to bring in reforms as the government demands begs the question of why the reforms needed to be introduced in the first place.

In the 1950s, a baby boom meant that primary school classes often numbered more than 40 and most of the commonplace "resources" of today's schools were unheard of. Traditional teaching made no apology for being "instructional", and did not expend so much of its effort avoiding commonsense ways of handing on knowledge. Teachers then could not have dreamt of the rich variety of facilities available to classroom teachers now. Nor could they have imagined that, coinciding with that abundance, would be a decline of literacy and numeracy so disastrous that it would become an election issue.

Muckraking in Little Rock

All that stands between Bill Clinton and the Democratic nomination

is his past, writes Peter Stothard

obin Sisson, this year's Arkansas "state sweetheart", is waiting outside Bill Clinton's office wearing a pink party frock, a purple sash over her shoulder and a paste tiara in her hair. A journalist asks what she thinks of the man who now looks likely to be the Democratic presidential nominee and the most distinguished Arkansan in history. Her lip wrinkles in distaste. "Vote for him? He's the fastest zipper in the South," she says, before quickly resuming her rosebud pose and straightening her sash.

Underfunding, like everything else, is relative. Before we gave up

This tiny scene is one of hundreds being enacted this week in Little Rock. The demure 17year-old Ms Sissons has no direct knowledge of Governor Clinton's personal life. But she thinks that she knows, and there are dozens of reporters and Republicans here trying to prove that she

A fellow visitor to the capitol. 35-year-old Jon Gregg, says he supports Bill Clinton. But nevertheless he offers to show me Gennifer Flowers's apartment, the gubernatorial jogging route lined with black prostitutes, Mrs Clinton's controversial law firm, "Chicken House" of the hotel swimming pool where a local rock-groupie claims a frustrated bikini-clad encounter.

Welcome to the "Little Rock Scandal Tour". This is where would-be Pulitzer prizewinners and ambitious White House aides begin. The best newspapers have sent their best battalions. The Bush-Quayle campaign has its scouts. This year's Democratic race is now down to two runners, Bill Clinton and his past. The closer he comes to the nomination, the greater the rewards of.

This influx of muckrakers has caused much resentment in a town of only 170,000 people. where everybody knows everybody and the local nightchub is called The Reunion. "Nobody is safe," says Clinton-supporter and champion coon-dog breeder, Johnny Starns who is at the capitol researching the sins of his own political opponent for Clay County district nine in November.

He is talking in front of the portrait of a young Bill Clinton. painted after he lost his first reelection campaign for governor in 1980. That year is said to have been the key to Clinton's future. According to his much-visited enemies, it made him an unprincipled dissembler whose one aim was never to lose anything again. To his friends it was the event which, like the sex and draft-dodging allegations of earlier this year, hardened him for his

"That is no ordinary governor," says Mr Starns admiringly as he looks at the 34-year-old Clinton face, "that is a future president." Mr Gregg is not so sure. Al-though the young ex-governor looks confident enough to have his eyes on the White House, the painter has also captured the essence of "Slick Willie". The other governors look like real custodians of their regalia. Bill Clinton looks like an auctic cataloguing his antique deak and books for the saleroom. The Clintons' business practices are the daily theme for reporters while they wait, they say, for another high-heeled shoe to drop. Little Rock does not yet have a full-dress scandal tour of the type that visitors can enjoy in Washington and elsewhere. Actresses dressed like Hillary Clinton and Gennifer Flowers do not yet entertain tourist-buses, as Nixon lookalikes do outside the Watergate building. There is an embryonic itinerary, however, which begins at the governor's mockcolonial mansion, the Clintons'

Like so many American inner

"HA! THE DEMOCRATS ARE GOING TO NOMINATE CLINTON! WITH ALL HIS BAGGAGE!"

city relics, this is not sited where dubious about Gennifer Flowers' be amazed if they find more than in his hair, now he's too smart amid shanty dwellers, bohemian yuppies and car-dumps ringed by razor-wire. The governor's jog-ging route begins here and cross-es the interstate highway to the McDonalds hamburger restaurant, where Mr Clinton likes to have a coffee. Could he have met prostitutes here, as a supermarket magazine has claimed? "Yeh." says Mr Gregg, "but then for ten dollars a hundred people here would say they had slept with

On the way stands Quapaw Towers, a 12-storey apartment block, surrounded by long grass, where Gennifer Flowers lived. *Convenient for trysts, but noisy, concludes Mr Gregg. He is

 but Governor Clintor could have made those taped Star magazine telephone calls even if he hardly knew her. "She had been linked to him in a lawsuit. Sure he would have rung her. Down here politicians talk to anyone. That's what the Washington reporters don't understand

A few blocks away towards the Arkansas River is the round redbrick office of Hillary Clinton's Rose law firm, a mecca for the better class of muckrakers who have been investigating conflicts of interest in the handling of Arkansas state business. "It's almost imposible here for businesses not to be involved with each other and the state, but I'd

ists' H.O. where Governor Clinton used to chew chicken wings after work from time to time. "It would be a great spot on the tour if you could get into big boss Don Tyson's place," says my guide. "It's a model of the Oval Office. with brass eggs for doorknobs. But, apart from the links you would expect between the governor and the biggest business in

to find." Arkansans, even many who dislike Bill Clinton, are concerned that their governor is being judged by double standards. "When Washington reporters first came here," says a local government worker, "they por-trayed him as a yahoo with straw

the state, I doubt there's much

its inhabitants would choose to story of a 12-year affair. Perhaps a hill of beans." says Mr Gregg.

If the today. It sits in the Quapaw they passed "like ships in the poultry lobby-"

I ask about the poultry lobby-"

and slick. They made him out as a compromiser. But in a state like this, unless you compromise with the legislature you get nothing done. People attacked his marital infidelities who should never have dared to pick up the first stone."

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Our tour ends at the Riverfront Hilton, where Connie Hamzy, a celebrated Little Rock groupie with a preference for rock drummers, once described a poolside proposition from the governor. In the Penthouse magazine version. the venue sounded like Beverly Hills. In reality, the pool is a small, cramped feature of a small. cramped hotel, a dirty blue stain on a brick floor. The bar, however, is big enough for busineds of scandal-seekers. Its best boom days may be yet to come.



...and moreover CRAIG BROWN

ver the past week, a good many people have been writing in to ask me two questions that have been trouoling them. The first question is. "Who exactly are all these unnamed close friends of the royal family, intimates of the royal family, sources close to the palace, palace insiders and inner members of the royal circle?" The second question is, Can anyone apply to be one?"

Perhaps surprisingly, the answer to the second question is yes. Fleet Street holds regular auditions for members of the general public to fill these important posts. No special know-ledge is required, but a lively imagination and an ability to make a little go a long way are both essential. Last week, I went along to one such audition to find out all about it. More than five hundred people were applying for a spare post as a "source close to the palace". The audition began with a

loud sneeze from behind a closed door: "Atchooo!" Applicants were then invited to interpret what they had heard.

"Hat chew," was the reply of a Miss Massingberd from Middiesex. "The Duke of Edinburgh is so furious at the indiscretions of his family that he is threatening to eat his hat. Frankly, I'm flabbergasted. If only he had sent them to Eton, this would

never have happened."
"Next!" said the producer running the audition, a senior executive on The Daily Mail. "A choo-choo," said Mr Holden from Halifax. "Poor little Princess Beatrice has been pleading with her mother, the tragic Duchess of York, for a toy

"Hatch ewe," said a Ms Seward from Swansea. "Down in the meadows, Prince Charles has started talking to farmyard animals to encourage them to give birth to more lambs."

"Hate you," said a Mrs Whitaker from Romford, "These were the words heard ringing around the palace in the early hours of the morning. And they were words, in the opinion of this source close to the palace, that spelt an end to a Right Royal Dream." Brilliantl" explaimed the

producer. "The job's yours!" The next vacancy on offer was for an intimate friend of the royal family. More than two thousand ordinary members of the public had applied for this arduous post. The intimate friend is required to reveal exclusive stories about the royal family twice a day during the week, rising to four times a day at weekends, with an extra six in times of trouble. He or she is also expected to add a sympathetic personal note of regret,

surprise or outright dismay.

The audition started with the word "Hello" spoken from behind a closed door. Applicants were invited to offer their expert interpretations.

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"Yellow," said Mr Dempster of Dorking "Intimate friends of the royal family claim that Prince Edward has been accused of cowardice by his father. This new row in the family is, they say, highly upsetting to all those in the royal circle." "Next!"

"Hell! Oh!" reported Miss Helliker from Hornchurch. "Months of exasperation came bubbling to the surface when the Duke of York was heard swearing late last night. An intimate friend of the royal family, who heard this un-abashed outcry described it as 'most regrettable in the circumstances'."

'Next!' "He'll owe!" said Mr Whittam of East London. "These were the words heard issuing from the mouth of the duchess at a family crisis meeting attended by the Lord Chancellor and fifty representatives of the legal profession at the palace last night. 'It's terrible that it should have come to this,' commented an intimate friend of the family."

"You're hired!" shouted the producer. "Now, could we have all the senior members of the royal family on the right of the stage and all the highly-placed observers on the other. We've First up was Mr Benson from Barking. "Heel low." he said.
"The Duke of Edinburgh has once again exploded at Fergie's operation would be appreciated.

Tables turned

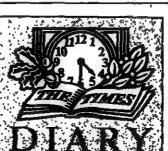
the Pope."

DIRTY TRICKS may have been in short supply in this election, but the recriminations were thick in the air on Sunday night when Chris Patten, the Tory party chairman, and Des Wilson, the Liberal Democrat campaign director, found themselves dining at the mme restaurant.

Wilson was the first to arrive at Joe Allen in Covent Garden, his favourite restaurant, but he was dismayed to find that his customary corner table was reserved. He made his displeasure known, and reluctantly accepted an alter-native table for his party, consisting of Ollie Grender, the party's press officer. Dick Newby, one of Paddy Ashdown's aides, and Alec McGiven, a party official.

The restaurant is not a noted haunt of politicians, but is famous for its theatrical clientele. As Wilson and his team tucked into their American-style meals and discussed strategy for the week ahead, they kept an eye on their favourite table. Which star of stage or screen had squeezed them out? After about half an hour, a familiar figure arrived with a brace of beautiful women in tow. It was certainly a star of the screen, for the Tory party chairman has hardly been off The Nine O'Clock News and Newsnight for the past fortnight. Taking a rare evening off. Patten was dining with two of

his daughters. Unaware of the consternation he had caused. Patten wandered over for a friendly chat. No one was rude enough to mention the negotiating terms for a hung par-liament. "I am just trying to re-acquaint myself with my daughters," said the Tory campaign manager amiably. Wilson was also determined to live up to his



leader's insistence that the Liberal Democrats should rise above the slanging tactics of the two main parties. Despite his previous com-plaints he did not even mention to Patten the matter of the table. Liberal Democrat aides after-

wards were less restrained. "The Tories may be unleashing their dogs of war," said one of Wilson's companions, "but surely even Norman Tebbit would hesitate at stealing a man's restaurant table."

 Mikhail Gorbachev has learnt the old Western adage that when you are down, you are really down. On his recent tour of Germany, he complained that he and Raisa were finding it hard to make ends meet. Now his gold wristwatch has been stolen. The theft, it is said, is causing the former Soviet leader almost as much grief as the loss of his empire. There is, however, one compensation. The trip raised thousands of dollars for Gorbachev's new political foundation in Moscow.

Tribune tribute

MICHAEL FOOT moved into a new office yesterday - or rather an old one. He returned to his desk at Tribune, the Labour weekly paper which he edited until 1960. "I needed a desk and a telephone." says Foot, who is writing a biog-

raphy of H.G. Wells. "It was either the House of Lords or Tribune, so there really wasn't much choice." When he arrived, he was greeted. by two members of staff, Sheila Noble and Sheila Marsh, who used to work with him 30 years ago and are still on the paper. "The two Sheilas have treated me wonderfully. They made it feel like coming home," says Foot. "They both look younger and

Stirring stumps

more beautiful than ever".

AMONG the many telegrams and telephone calls Graham Gooch will receive before he leads Eng-land into the cricket World Cup final tomorrow will be one from John Major. The prime minister's aides say he will also be turning on the television in Downing Street at 4.30 am tomorrow to watch the first over. Major's team have been instructed to keep him informed of the score throughout the morning.

Although arrangements have not been finalised, plans are also. in hand for a Downing Street reception when the team returns. . Neil Kinnock is believed not to have satellite television at home, but he will be kept up to date by

Labour HQ, which possesses a dish and says it will be tuned in. Others on the campaign trail have even been forced to change their arrangements in order to watch. Jeffrey Archer, who will be staying in Edinburgh tonight before meeting the prime minister there tomorrow morning, says: "When I found my hotel did not have salellite I had no option. I have moved to one that does.

 Labour strategists missed a trick at the Bafta awards. As Glenys Kinnock came down the stairs with her escort Kevin Billington, the deputy chairman of Bafta, a gust of air sent her dress billowing up just like Marilyn Monroe in Some Like It Hot. "It could have been the glamour shot which won Labour the election. There is not a paper which would not have put the picture on the front." said a witness. Alas, three photographers were looking the

A born Tory

THE arrival of Harold Macmillan's great-grandson has ensured that the Tories have already won one election contest. David Faber, grandson of Supermac and Tory candidate for Westbury, has been competing furiously in the fatherhood stakes with Paul Macdonald. his Liberal Democrat challenger. Their wives have been competing to produce the first election baby. Faber won the contest at the weekend, when his wife Sally, gave birth to Henry, who weighed 7 lbs.

at London's Portland Hospital. Faber only just made it back from campaigning in the constituency for the birth. Sportingly, Macdonald was among the first to offer congratulations. "I am very pleased for them. Perhaps now he has won one barrle he will let me

win the other."

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OUT OF AFRICA

Jean-Marie Le Pen's relative success in the French regional elections ar the weekend may be followed by a neo-fascist upsurge in the Italian general election on April 5. Similar movements have developed in Austria and the former East Germany and are latent in western Russia and its former satellite states. Is the far right once again on the move in Europe?

The answer can only lie in the correct analysis of the catalyst in each case. This catalyst is a widespread alarm, shared by electors on both the left and the right, at mass immigration into Western Europe, legal and illegal. But the assumption that the attitudes which disturb Europe in 1992 are identical to the evil ideology that overwhelmed Europe in the late-1930s is that most dangerous of prophecies, the self-fulfilling kind.

The French Socialists recent demonisation of Le Pen helped bring about his party's 12.4 per cent share of the national vote. It was an object lesson in how not to meet the challenge of the contemporary farright. The stress arising from immigration into Western Europe, from east or south, is not just a fantasy of the French National Front or Italian Social Movement or Austrian neo-Nazis. It arises from a sense of cultural disparity and incompatibility, which happens when population movements take place too fast. To call a French housewife a racist because she is driven to distraction by the midnight smells of Arab cooking from the apartment of her Algerian neighbour is. simply not fair.

Certainly racism underpinned much of M Le Pen's appeal, but the socialists send into his camp plenty of voters concerned only about the importance of being and feeling French, by place of birth and nationality, language and culture; and of France staying recognisably French, rather than in many regions virtually Muslim. Such concern may be chauvinist and hidebound, but it is not necessarily racist. It is an expression of pride in national identity.

France is at present struggling to absorb some four million recent immigrants from North Africa, more than Britain is conceivably contemplating. To describe as racist

all those resisting such an influx - one that may come to haunt Britain as a much slower influx did in the 1960s - is dangerously unhelpful. A concern for the proper handling of immigration into a modern welfare state must be distinguished from the evils of Hitlerism or the Ku Khux Klan. Relief from the stress of cultural incompatibility must not be permitted even to seem to depend on a victory for racist fascism.

The spectre which is aroused by the present revival of the far-right in Europe is the racism defined and practised by Hitler. But the "racial hygiene" theories of the social Darwinist Eugene Fischer — which Hitler studied in prison after his Munich putsch and adopted wholesale into Mein Kampf — are now confined to a hunatic fringe. Early genetic theory promoted such views, just as contemporary genetic theory has thoroughly discredited them. To an astonishing degree - and varieties of skin colour notwithstanding - the human race has been found to be genetically uniform, as if all humankind was descended from one parent.

Since earliest times, humankind's movement away from its African origins has been a source of conflict. But the pace of change was slow, suggesting it was more often accomplished peacefully by assimilation and inter-marriage than by conquest. As human groups continue to move round and between continents, these are still the principles by which such movements should be governed Modern democracies with highly developed social market economies are likely to experience a permanent tension between an economic need for cheap labour and a social

resistance to rising dependency rates.

There is always likely to be a critical level of immigration above which sharp resistance is generated in the host community. Restraining movement below that level is an unavoidable obligation of government and one that governments of all parties have accepted in Britain since (and before) the var. Controlling migration, whether in France or Britain or in the European community as a whole, is not racist. The racist cause is only helped by pretending the opposite.

LABOUR'S INDUSTRY

Does Labour have any answer to the balance of payments deficit for February of £750 million announced yesterday? The deficit is alarming, since a recession is supposed to restrain demand for imports. At this stage in the trade cycle, the Tories supply-side asceticism should have suppressed costs and enabled exports to be doing better than imports. That this is not the case gives the Tories little to shout about. But they are not shouting; Labour is. ::

Neil Kinnock yesterday launched Labour's manifesto for manufacturing industry. Over the years, Labour has had a romantic. to man ditional purpose of Labour was to advance the interest of the great unions once concentrated in that sector, though the party has since also become the champion of public-sector direct labour where its strength is now greatest.

Today manufacturing is more about microchips than anvils. Labour's continued claim that manufacturing is somehow more virtuous or more fundamental to the economy than what it calls "Mickey Mouse" service industries is simply archaic. There is no particular reason for Labour to favour those who work in manufacturing over those who often work harder for less in the service sector. But manufacturing remains a good test of whether the party is concerned for private-sector prosperity. And if there is a trade gap to fill, a strong manufacturing sector is necessary to fill it.

In some particulars, Labour policies might do some good. Its emphasis on training for skill now reflects the conventional wisdom. The party intends to ensure that firms that fail to invest in training cannot just steal skills from firms that do. The introduction of enhanced tax incentives would encourage industry to invest early in recovery, though the Institute for Fiscal Studies recently pointed out that this is "an extremely expensive way of generating a small amount of new activity." And Labour has shed the worst of its big-union baggage.

Some anachronistic interventionism persists: Britain is to be blessed or cursed with regional development agencies, a national investment bank and technology trusts. But the renationalisation threat seems to have all but evaporated. There is no hint of planning agreements, or of the disastrous practice of ministers trying to "pick winners" DeLorean style: For this relief, inclusing may offer up many thanks.

But Labour has other burdens it is eager to impose. The unions will still have to operate manage will be eroded by the acceptance of the European social chapter. Industrial costs will be increased thereby, witness the sufferings of competitors in Germany, France and Spain. The national minimum wage, though its main direct effect will be on pay in low paid sérvice trades, can hardly have a benign impact on manufacturing. The "animal spirits" of the entrepreneur will scarcely be stirred by John Smith's tax regime.

This might be more endurable if Labour now had a remotely plausible macroeconomic package. The party has committed itself as a talisman of its probity to the exchange-rate mechanism of the European Monetary System. Sterling will be taken, as swiftly as may be, into its narrow band. Add this to the current high rate of public borrowing, and include further borrowing as an incoming Labour government forgoes privatisation proceeds, and the road leads straight to higher interest rates.

Two of these three disadvantages may arise equally with the Conservatives, but the Labour combination presents manufacturing industry, in the Patten parlance, with a "triple whammy": an uncompetitive exchange rate, higher direct costs and more expensive borrowing. Nothing could be better designed to perpetuate the difficulties now facing British industry.

OIL ON TROUBLED FRICTION

Perhaps the way to put the beef back into manufacturing industry is not through devising new investment allowances or through squeezing more productivity from the grumbling artisan, but through tribology. The campaign to encourage industry to pay attention to tribology, launched yesterday, calculates that it can save British industry £1.5 billion a year. The word means the science of reducing wear and tear, of studying interacting surfaces in relative motion, with friction, wear, lubrication and the design of bearings.

Isaac Newton discovered the laws of gravitation by observing an apple falling from a tree in his garden. If there had been bananas around in 1666 and Isaac had then gone out and slipped on one, he might have discovered the laws of tribology three centuries before they were formally disclosed to an astonished world. Most machines with parts in motion rubbing against each other. can be improved by tribology, usually in the form of a squirt of oil.

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However, not all mechanical moving parts are necessarily improved by lubrication. Lubricity is the last quality required in clutches, brakes, and tyres. If the interface between the sole of the shoe and the carpet were efficiently lubricated, nobody would be able to move from one productive endeavour to another, assuming he had slithered to the one in the first place.

Tribology was a British discovery, invented by a working party of lubrication technolo-

gists set up by the old Ministry of Technology which reported in 1966. It coined its name after consultation with the editor of The Oxford English Dictionary. The word ought to be a success in Britain, since it has a built-in cultural indicator. Linguists pronounce it with a short i, as in "rib": scientists prefer the long i, as in tribe. Because the science is multi-disciplinary, embracing engineering, metallurgy, chemistry and others, it has (like probability theory) been foolishly and expensively neglected in the British engineering curriculum.

As machines grow smaller, more heavily worked and usually more costly to maintain, it becomes more important to reduce wear and keep them running smoothly. In space and nuclear engineering, sending a man with an oil-can into space to lubricate the works is prohibitively expensive. The tribology needs to be right to start with.

There is nothing new in this. Simple is beautiful. For want of oilcan or ball-bearing a war is lost. Tribology should tell us why one shoelace always breaks before the other, or why bits keep falling off Concorde. Great technological discoveries tend with hindsight to be irritatingly obvious. If every attic were stuffed with polystyrene, it would reduce the heating bills of the nation dramatically. So would the wearing of pullovers to work. Tribology may be a daft word. But it might keep the wheels of industry turning to more advantage than the financial manoeuvres of accountants and politicians.

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The Yorks, the public and the press

From Mr Nicholas Francis Sir, In my lifetime there have been three royal weddings: There are now two royal separations. Should the public funding of such weddings be reviewed?

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS FRANCIS. 29 Bedford Row, WC1. March 18.

From Mr Andrew Dyke

Sir, You say, in your editorial today, that "the British people has long sensed a security in having an extended family as its symbolic head of state rather than some passing and partisan president". But what is the people to make of a family with apparently such scant regard for duty and for the importance of lasting marriage bonds? How can we continue to respect people who display the moral code of commoners rather than royalty?

Presidents can at least be elected out of office when they cease to behave properly. And they pay their

Yours sincerely ANDREW DYKE, 40 Compton Road, Winchmore Hill, N21.

From Mrs Avril Walker

Sir, How sad that the Duke and Duchess of York should choose the easy way out of their marriage problems as do many thousands of commoners every year. How much more difficult, and selfless, it would be to remain together and work at it, not only for their children's sake but also for themselves as royalty.

Yours faithfully, AVRIL WALKER, 3 Boxgrove Avenue, Guildford, Surrey. March 19.

From Mr James Kirkman

Sir, Yesterday you reported on the marital problems of the Duke and Duchess of York on pages 1, 2, 3, 16, 20 and page 1 of the Life & Times section. On page 17 you had the sense to write an editorial which concluded "That the royal couple's former happiness was so public in no way diminishes their right to be private. Now that the ending of their relationship has been recorded, the privacy of their pain should be

These laudable sentiments seem somewhat pointless when today we are treated to further articles on the same subject on pages 1, 3, 8, 14 and 18. Congratulations on keeping them out of the Sports section, or have I missed something.

ours faithfull JAMES KIRKMAN. 46 Brompton Square, SW3.

Election: the issues From Lord Watkinson, CH

involved, as a businessman or politician, in every general election since

The outstanding feature of this election seems to be the inwardlooking issues chosen by the opposition parties to lead their campaigns. These seem to imply that Britain cares nothing for the outside world. I wonder if they have got it

Do we really believe that it is of no importance who will be the British prime minister to preside over a critical six months in the evolution of the European Commission? Do we really fail to understand that transitional unemployment is part of the price that we have to pay if we are to get real recovery based on export performance? Do we swallow the myth that sterile arguments about the health service are more important than the reshaping of world

Election: the minorities From the Secretary of Democratic Left

Sir. You today reported Democratic Left's decision not to look for votes in this election and our campaign for tactical voting against the Tories as a

"negative" campaign.
The only thing that Democratic
Left "says no" to is wasting votes on no-hope candidates, rather than using them to defeat the Tories. I suspect that people like the Conservarive party chairman are going to be rather more worried by us campaigning for tactical voting in his constituency than by us standing a candidate which could just help him save his seat.

Could this be why Britain's largely pro-Tory press so inadequately reports the growing numbers across the country who want to get rid of the Tories and our undemocratic system and are prepared to do something about it?

Democratic Left wants an electoral system where people can vote for whoever they want and their votes will count. But reform can only begin once the Tories have been ousted, and we want to see reform, not just talk about it. We call on everyone who wants an end to Tory rule and a democratic electoral system, whether Labour, Lib Dem. Green, National-

Sir. The fact that few of monarchy's opponents, or for that matter its supporters, ever bother to trouble their heads over the possibility that there may be sound and logical reasons for the system does not mean that "its ancient structures of religiosity, heredity and primogeniture are not susceptible to reason" (leading article, March 20).

From Mr Henry von Blumenthal

Its chief advantages may be summarised thus: the monarch can be brought up from birth to perform this one specific role, making him better trained and better qualified for the job than any elected head of state; he is visible to the people as marked for the office well in advance of his taking it up, so that there are no nasty surprises; he does not have to intrigue his way up, and so is not beholden to any segment of the pop-ulace, political or otherwise; and empirically experience shows monarchy to be more stable than republicaniam.

In the face of such fundamental issues, neither the cost nor the revenues from tourism matter; but, for the record, Brazil's president costs 13 times as much per head of population as the Emperor of Japan. l remain. Sir. your obedient servant. HENRY von BLUMENTHAL, The Monarchist League, BM "Monarchist", London WC1N 3XX. Mant 20.

From Mrs P. F. Tully Sir, I disagree that the separation of

the Duke and Duchess of York is "of no great public consequence". The royal family is as important to this country as much because it is a

family as because it is royal. At a time when family life is increasingly threatened, its members are in a unique position to give a lead to the country and, to use an old-fashioned expression, to set a good example. The breakdown of the Yorks'

marriage may not damage the Constitution, but it will undermine fragile families even further. Yours faithfully,

ANTONIA TULLY, 18 Louvaine Road, SW11. March 20.

From Mrs Jean Draycott Sir, Valerie Grove's article, "And they all lived sadly after" (March 20), was fair and reasonable but the final paragraph was wrong.

In her 40th anniversary film, the Queen, speaking of the Scottish soldier, did not say: "You can do a lot if you've been properly trained. As I have." She said: "You can do a lot if you have been properly trained", and added wistfully, "I hope I have

Yours faithfully. JEAN DRAYCOTT, 5 Fountain Court, Birmingham 4. March 20.

come right for John Major and his

colleagues, as the country rejects this

attempt to push into the margin so many important issues on which the

future of our country depends.

Bosham, Chichester, West Sussex.

Sir, In her letter published today

(March 19) Ms Janet Salmon agrees

that businessmen whose successful

companies have made large contri-

butions to the Conservative party

cannot be regarded as "giving objec-

tive analysis on the economic com-

petence of the three major parties".

political party, or any other cause, because one has belief in its compar-

ative merits; one does not believe in

its merits because one has given

Yours faithfully, M. S. HUNTER-JONES, 59 Great Ormond Street, WC1.

This is strange logic. One gives to a

From Mr M. S. Hunter-Jones ..

Tyma House, Shore Road,

Yours sincerely.

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money to it.

awarded me the accolade in 1950 of fighting a "possible marginal" as Conservative candidate for the new seat of Woking. It came right on polling day, as I believe that it will

Sir, Now that businessmen have expressed their political preferences in your correspondence columns (March 17,18,19,20) may I append a comment from one who has been

trade under Gatt?

It was, Sir, The Times that

ist, or Democratic Left, to join us in putting aside party chauvinism to vote the Tories out.

Yours etc. NINA TEMPLE, Secretary, Democratic Left 6 Cynthia Street, N1. March 20.

From Mr Charles Ehrlich

Sir, In a report published on March 12, the Anti-Federalist League was described as an "extreme right", "anti-European", "fringe group". I can assure you that the league is an all-party, mainstream organisation. whose objective is merely the defence of British national sovereignty against the encroachments of European nationalism.

We are not anti-European; we merely have a vision of Europe which opposes its centralisation. We are not authoritarian: we believe in voluntary co-operation, the rights of individuals and the right of individual nations to safeguard their identi-ties and vital national interest.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES EHRLICH (Secretary, Anti-Federalist Student League). London School of Economics and Political Science, Houghton Street, WC2.

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Priorities for future of environment

From Professor Sir Hermann Bondi, FRS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir, The forthcoming UN conference on environment and development in Rio de Janeiro makes it desirable to list topics and desiderata according to feasibility as well as importance. My own list is as follows:

1. Noxious emissions into the at-

mosphere and oceans, such as sulphurous and nitrous oxides, heavy metals, etc., and equally those damaging to the ozone layer, such as CFCs and methane. Sharply reducing all these is easily within our power at some expense, and a programme for such reductions could and should be agreed. 2. Carbon dioxide, while not in itself

noxious, is thought to lead through its increasing concentration in the air (due to fossil fuel burning) to climate changes. But serious as such changes may be, a major increase in fuel burning is an essential con-sequence of the vital growth of Third World economies. Even heroic measures could only mildly reduce the speed of the increase of the carbon dioxide content of the air. I entirely favour otherwise sensible moves to reduce energy consumption, especially through improving the effciency of energy use, but they are not going to reduce the rate of carbon dioxide growth by much.

3. The most worrying phenomenon of all is the loss of topsoil through erosion, which is largely concentrated in the developing countries. The importance of this is very great. Humanity can adjust, albeit with some pain, to changes in climate, it can adjust to changes in energy sources, again with some pain, but it cannot live without topsoil. Soil erosion must receive absolute priority.

What must be avoided above all is that steps agreed because of 2 hinder amelioration of 3 and of 1 by measures which can be taken but often with extra energy consumption.

Yours faithfully, HERMANN BONDI, Churchill College, Cambridge. March 17.

From Mr Aubrey Meyer Sir, The Department of Trade and Industry may now become the new home of the Department of Energy. Energy efficiency will go to the Department of the Environment.

This is a Conservative election pledge. The restraint of greenhouse gas emissions in the UK will therefore largely become the DTI's con-cern and when EC energy ministers and environment ministers meet to discuss EC strategy for emissions restraint, the UK will presumably be sending a trade and industry min-

ister instead of an energy minister. At the last such meeting in December, ministers conceded that the EC's contemplated measures (including the proposed energy tax) were inadequate. The Conservatives' scheme will hardly help. DTI might legitimately be called the Department of Economic Growth, with a brief directly in conflict with emissions restraint. It is this conflict of interests which is at the heart of the global

warming crisis.

Global dimate change is merely a symptom of economic growth via energy conversion and the consequent carbon dioxide emissions, and to give the energy brief to the DTI is to compound the problem, not to cure it. Do we believe that industry "self-regulation", aided by a possible energy tax, will produce effective emissions restraint?

In February, while the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) advised deadlocked UN climate-change negotiators that more far-reaching efforts are required than are currently contem-plated (within the OECD) in order to achieve a major reduction of the rate of carbon dioxide increase in the atmosphere", European multi-natlonal companies were threatening to decamp to the Third World to escape

the EC's energy tax. It is widely recognised world wide that the onus of creating strategy for emissions restraint — essentially a global strategy for equity and survival - now lies with the OECD. If this government is sincere in its commitment to the IPCC findings they could do worse than move the Department of Energy en bloc to the Department of Environment, while the DTI should be subject to the requirements of a DoE committed to those findings. This should be an election issue.

Yours etc. **AUBREY MEYER** (Executive Director), Global Commons Institute. 42 Windsor Road, NW2.

A legal liability

From Mr W. D. R. Spens Sir, Whilst a trial is continuing the defendant almost certainly is not earning. Unlike the judge, the court officials and the myriad of lawyers, he is not paid during that period. and that ignores the time before trial in the preparation and presentation

of the defence case.
Legal costs are liabilities incurred to barristers and solicitors, not payment for the time and effort of the defendant in preparing his case. The refusal of costs is, therefore, the infliction of a second penalty.

Mr Justice Henry is reported (March 14) as refusing to direct payment of my brother Lord Spens's legal costs out of public funds because he had brought the prosecu-tion upon himself "by failing to lift the telephone to the takeover panel to check what he was doing", and the

Serious Fraud Office is reported as saying "it would not be in the public interest to subject him to a second trial".

If those who are prosecuting say that it is not in the public interest to have a second trial it cannot logically be said that the defendant has brought the non-existent prosecution upon himself. The reference by Mi Justice Henry can logically only be to the bringing of the original prosecu-

The original trial was aborted through no fault of Lord Spens before all the prosecution evidence had been presented and, where necessary challenged. Where has the presumption of innocence gone?

Yours faithfully, DAVID SPENS, Marsh Mills Cottage, Over Stowey, Bridgwater, Somerset. March 15.

K for cars

From Mr Barrie Iliffe

Sir, The recent celebrations of the Mozart bicentenary remind us that for a year from August, new car registrations will be prefixed with the letter K. There will thus be an influx of Kochel numbers on the roads, and we shall if we wish be able to test ourselves with a continuous Mozart

Perhaps the licensing authorities might help by ensuring that the three letters following the figures should, whenever possible, be appropriate. K 551 JUP would be an obvious choice (although sadly the Jowett Jupiter no longer exists to carry it); so would K 527 DON (which might be allocated to some seductive sports coupé); and K 626 REQ should clearly go to a hearse. Yours faithfully.

BARRIE ILIFFE, 29 Murray Mews, NW1. March 19.

Weighing pigs

From Mr Fred L. Carvalho Sir, Your report on St Patrick's day.

in Life & Times, on recent develop-ments in stress-free methods of weighing pigs, using the ultrasound Porkitron device and the Silsoe camera plus electronic tag, brought to mind a method which was commonly used in earlier times, it was alleged, in rural Ireland.

There, on market day, the farmers would assemble in an appointed field, equipped suitably in one corner with a home-made weighing scale and near by, a careful selection of graded boulders. An attendant would place an animal in one pan, and proceed to balance it off by placing some of the stones in the other. When this was achieved, the local expert was summoned to give his estimate of the weight of the boulders. This enabled the bidding to commence.

Yours faithfully FRED CARVALHO. The Annexe, 7 Braeside, Beckenham, Kent

World Cup chaos

From Mr Gareth Wilson Sir, The rules which govern the current World Cup cricket com-petition may have their shortcomings but we should always hope to see fair play. The slowing down by South Africa so that only 45 overs were bowled in the allotted period (reports, March 23) was, at best, a considered tactical manoeuvre. At worst, it was contrary to the fun-

damental spirit of the game. Furthermore, its effect was to deprive the paying public of 10 per cent of the match. It is hard not to say "serves them right".

Yours faithfully, GARETH WILSON, 20 Chelsham Road. South Croydon, Surrey.

From Mr A. P. F. Williamson Sir, You have heard of "wet" politicians and "wet" economists. Yesterday saw the emergence of the "wet" cricketer: a desperate English captain defending a paltry lead of 22 runs with 13 balls to go, who feels a touch of evening mist and turns to Australian rulemakers to avoid cer-

tain defeat. Shame on you. Wait until 1996. Yours faithfully, from an unbloodied and unbowed Springbok, ANDREW WILLIAMSON, Horseshoe House, Luxfords Lane, East Grinstead, West Sussex.

From Mr James Robertson

Sir, If the election speech of the party speaking second is delayed or interrupted by rain or other cause, would it not be fairer to all concerned if the number of promises to be delivered were then reduced by the equivalent number of least-believable promises of the party speaking first?

Yours faithfully, JAMES ROBERTSON, 11 St Mary's Terrace, W2.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 23: The Prince Edward, Trustee, today gave a lunch for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Buckingham Palace.

The Princess Royal, President, Federation Equestre Inter-nationale, this morning departed from Royal Air Force Northolt for Berlin to attend the General Assembly.

Timothy Holderness-Roddam is in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE March 23: The Prince of Wales departed from Royal Air Force Kemble this morning to visit Berlin.

Lieutenant Commander Robert Fraser, RN, is in attendance.

The Princess of Wales departed from Royal Air Force Northolt this morning for a visit to

The Lady Sarah McCorquo-dale, Mr Patrick Jephson and Mr Richard Arbiter are in

KENSINGTON PALACE March 23: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, The Royal Ballet, this evening presented "The Evening Standard Ballet Award for 1991" to Sir Kenneth MacMillan at the Royal Opera House, Covent

The Hon Mrs Wills was in

Birthdays today

Mr Roy Berridge, former chairman, South of Scotland Electricity Board, 70; Miss Barbara Daly. make-up artist, 47: Miss Jane Drew, architect, 81; Judge James Fox-Andrews, 70; Mr Richard Giordano, former chairman. BOC Group, 58; Professor John Hedgecoe, professor of photography. 55; Mr David Jewell, master, Haileybury and Imperial Service College, 58; Sir John Kendrew, former president, St John's Collge, Oxford, 75; Miss Sonia Lannaman, athlete, 36; Sir Peter Leslie, chairman, Common wealth Development Corporation. 61: Mr Benjamin Luxon. baritone, 55; Sir Peter Meinertzhagen, former general manager, Commonwealth Dev-elopment Corporation, 72: Judge elopment Corporation, 72: Judge Suzanne Norwood, 66; the Earl of Selborne, 52: Professor Dorothy Severin, professor of Spanish, 50; Miss Maude Storey, former president, Royal College of Nursing, 62: Mr Alan Sugar, chairman, Amstrad, 45; Professor H.B. Whitington, geologist, 76; Mr P.S. Winfield, former senior partner. Healey and Baker, 65.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League Mr Enoch Powell was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Elizabeth Creaswell presided.

ner. Healey and Baker, 65.

Life barony

A life barrow is to be conferred on Lord Justice Taylor on his appointment as Lord Chief Justice on April 27, it was an-

Today's royal engagements

Prince Edward, as Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award special Projects Group, will open the Performing Arts Centre, Northgate High School, Ipswich, at 10.00; will visit Alconbury High School, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire at 12.15; and Hinchingbrooke School at 12.40. He will present the prizes of the Golden Putter Regional Finals at the Gog Magog Golf Club, Sheliord Bottom, Cambridge, at 1.50; and will visit St Mary's eman Street, Cambridge, at 2.50.

The Duke of Gloucester, trustee, will open the exhibition on "Wu Guanzhong: a 20th century Chinese painter" at the British Museum at 6.30.

Dinner

Company of Watermen

The Lord Mayor, accom by the Sheriffs, was the principal guest at a dinner given by the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames last night at Fishmongers' Hall. Mr J.G.P. Crowden, Master, presided, assisted by Mr A.T. Woods, Senior Warden, and Mr P.D.T. Roberts, Mr A.H. Howard and Mr J.K. Badcock, Junior Wardens. The Lord Mayor, Lord Justice Taylor and Mr Badcock also spoke. Among others present



Wu Guanzhong, a Chinese painter, with one of his 44 works in oil, watercolour and ink, in an exhibition which opens at the British Museum on Thursday. He is the first living Chinese artist to exhibit at the museum

Luncheons

Farmers' Company Mr Henry Nevile, Master of the Farmers Company, presided at an apprentices iuncheon held vesterday at Butchers Hall. The Masters of the Butchers and Gardeners Companies were among the guests.

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and Commerce
Dr Hans Tletmeyer, Vice-President of the Deutsche Bundeshank, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon given by the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce yesterday at the Dorchester hotel. Sir Diver Wright president was in terriay at the Dorchester hotel. Sir Oliver Wright, president, was in the chair. Among those present were Lord Weinstock, Sir Ber-nard Braine, Sir Michael Edwardes, Sir Owen Green, Sir Bryan Nicholson and Sir Frank Roberts

Appointments in the Forces

The Army BRIGADIER: S M B O'MOLIN - To be Di Als (A), 27.3.92. AIS (A. 27-3-92.
LIEUTRANT COLONKUS: M J Dent. R
SISTANDS - TO be CO 11 Sig Rept. 23-3-92.
F J Grimen RR - To be CO 47C Rept.
23-03-92: J R M Pin RA - To be SYC
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School announcements

Forest School

The Governing Council announces that Mr A.G. Boggis, Master-in-College at Eton College, has been appointed Warden of Forest School from September 1992, in succession to Mr J.C.

Capiord School Canford School announces the

following Awards:

Dannisey's School The following Awards have been made by Dauntsey's School, Devices, for 1992:

Malvern College

Maivern College has awarded the following Scholarships at 13+ for 1992.

Felsted School Scholarships 1992 OL A C Price, S

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Morris, poet, artist, printer and socialist, Walthamstow, Essex, 1834; Silas K. Hocking, novelist and preacher, Brannel, Cornwall, 1850: Olive Schreiner, writer, Wittebergen, South Africa, 1855. DEATHS: Elizabeth i, reigned 1558-1603, Richmond, 1603; Philip Dormer Stanhope, 4th Earl of Chesterfield, statesman and writer, London, 1773; John Harrison, horologist, inventor of the marine chronometer, London, 1776; Paul I, emperor of Russia 1796-1801, assa St Petersburg, 1801; Bertel Thorwaldsen, sculptor, Copenhagen, 1844; Henry Wadsworth Long-fellow, poet, Cambridge, Mass-schusetts, 1882; Jules Verne, novelist, Amiens, 1905; John Millington Synge, dramatis, Dublin, 1909; Enriques Gra-nados, composer, drowned at sea. 1916; Mrs Humphrey Ward, novelist, London, 1920; Mary, Queen Consort of George V, London, 1953; Auguste Piccard, scientist and explorer of the stratosphere and sea deoths. Lan same, 1962; Accession of James VI of Scotland as James I of

England, 1603.

Latest wills Air Chief Marshal Sir Alexander McKay Sinclair Steedman, of Ambedey, Gloucestershire, UK Representative to Nato and controller of the RAF Benevolent Fund, left estate valued at E140,406 net.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.P. Atherron and Miss L.M. Glossop The engagement is announced between James, only son of Brigadier and Mrs Maurice Atherton, of Digges Place, Barham, Kent and Lucy, Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Glossop, of Penian Hall, Fordham, Essex.

and Miss S.M.A. Wallace-Turner The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs Rory Forrester, of Ardnacross Farm, isle of Mull, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Wallace-Turner, of

Mr A.S. Howes and Mrs S.M. O'Dwyer-Russell The engagement is announced between Andrew Sutherland, widower of Mrs Gina Howes (nee Hodge) of Covent Garden, London, and Karen Joan (nee

Tasker), widow of Simon O'Dwyer-Russell, of Pimlico,

Mr J.M. Nye and Miss E.McK. Yeale The engagement is announced between Jonathan Mark son of Mr and Mrs John Nye, of Mannings Heath, Sussex, and Emma McKenzie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Veale, of

Upton Hellions, Devon.

and Miss K.Y. Chan The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Donald Stables, of Wimbledon, London, and Kityee, younger daughter of Mrs K.P. Chan and the late Mr K.P.

Chan, of Kowloon, Hong Kong. Mr G.V.B. Thomasor and Miss D.M. O'Donnell The engagement is announced between Vincent, younger son of

Mr Gerald Thompson, of Margarening, Essex, and the lare Mrs Thompson, and Diana, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian O'Donnell, of Johannesburg, South Africa. The Rev A.R. Webl and Mrs H.B. Hutchings

The engagement is announced between Robert Webb, of Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, and Hilary Flutchings, widow of Robert Hutchings, of Seend, Wiltshire.

Olympic boost

the 1948 London games.

About £9,000 was raised for the British Olympic appeal at a two-day antiques fair at Burghley House, Stamford, Lincolnshire. Gold and silver Olympic med-als won by Lord Burghley, a noted athiese in the 1928 and 1932 jumes.—Tre also on show. He was captain of the British team in 1932 and 1936 and organised

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HODSON - On March 20th, suddenly but pescefully. Christopher, Beloved father of Mary Anne. Rupert. Caroline and Lucy. Funeral at All Saints Church, Hannington, at 11 am on Friday March 27th. No flowers but donations if desired to the First or Grenadier Regiment of Footpuards. Regimental H Q., London SW1. Cancer Research Fund.

DAVIES JONES - On March
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dan HOLLANDER - On Marth 20th peacefully at The Robertson Nursing Home. Godalming, Surrey. Cornels (Cor) aged 85, of Godalming, beloved husband of Dorothy, father of Rens. Jos. Tanneke, Crecy. John and David, spandfather of Fraser Thanksgiving Service at St Nikholas Church. Complon. Surrey, on Thursday March 26th at 3.50 pm followed by cremation at Guitdford Crematorium. Enquiries to J. Corringe & Son. tet: Co483i 416403. Son. let: 104831 416403

ELLIOTT - On March 23rd, peacefully in his sleep at Farmham. Surrey. Norman Randall, aged 88. formerly of See Board. South of Scotland Electricity Board and the Electricity Board and the Electricity Council For many years at Cooden with his late wite Phil. Funeral on Friday March 27th at 11.30 am at St James' Church. Rowledge, Farnham Enquiries to Farnham Funeral Service (0252) 711444.

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Dorothy and fether of Alison. Cotin and Judith. Funeral Service at 8: Mary's Parish Church, Chiddingfold. on Thursdy March 28th at 10 zm. House private. Donallogs in lieu of flowers to: Help the Hospices. 34 Britanula Sireel. London WCIX 9JO. RADICE - On Friday March
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STERNBERG - On March 20th. Deacefully in hospital. Charles. aged 69. beloved husband of Klara, father of Michael and Jonathan. brother of Miram, father-in-law of Michelle. Loved and respected by his family, friends and the staff of Vigo-Sternberg Calleries.

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Richard, dear sister of Malays and niece of Phylis, Service at Mortonhalt Crematerium Perilland Chapel, Edinburgh, on Thurnday March 26th at 10.48 am. to which all Irlends are invited. Flowers may be sent to H.W. Hurtens. 77 South Clerk Street, Edin-burgh EH8 9PP, by 9.30 am. WERGEST - Command 23th

STEPHENSON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of John Snerwood Stephenson. who died on March 7th 1992, will be held at \$8. Nicholas Cathedral. Newcastle upon Tyne. on Monday March 30th 1992 at 11 am. All friends and colleagues are welcome. TILLOTSON - A Memorial
Sersice will be held for the
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RAYNE - Captain Wilfrid: Remembering out brother drowned fifty years ago loday when SS Can Campbell was sunk by a JUSB in the Mediterranean. He stayed with his nee to the last. Margery, Robert, John.

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DATED this 15th day of March 1992.

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Answers from page 18 PODOSCAPH (b) A cance-shaped float attached to the foot, or a pair of these, for moving on the water, from the Greek pour a foot + a skaphos a ship: "He astonished his countrymen by appearing on the Maas, wearing a podoscaph 15 feet long on each foot, and holding a pole, flattened at one end, as a paddle."

PIMIRIATE (a) Fringed, bordered with hairs or filiform processes, from the Latin fimbria a fringe: "Toutacles long fimbriate."

CRAPAUDINE (a) A horse's alcer, from the French crapand a toad: "Crapandiae (in horses) is an ulcer on the coronet also, a tread upon the coronet."

(b) A Spanish night watchman, from the Spanish word for all clear: "The foot-falls of the faithful screme still ingered, echoing down the solitary

PERSONAL APPEARS IN LIFE & TIMES SECTION PAGE 9

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No. 6. TSCHA Hung played a unique role in the development (or survival) of philosophy in modern China. He received his university education in science and philosoand the property of the property phy in Berlin, Jena and finally in Vienna, where he was awarded his doctorate in 1934 for a thesis on the problem of causation in modern physics. The direction of
Tscha Hung's philosophical
life was formed in 1931-36.
He was then a member of the Vienna Circle, the ruthless, iconoclastic school of logical positivists dominated by Schlick, Carnap and Neurath, most of whom were trained in the natural sciences and who aimed at "the elimination of metaphysics."
They would achieve this by applying the verification principle to all statements. Statements neither empirically verifiable nor true by definition would be dismissed as meaningless, a class which would contain most traditional metaphysics and moral philosophy. In 1936 the youthful A. J. Ayer launched the Circle's doctrines, or a version of them, in Britain in his brief bombshell Language, Truth or Logic, and would spend the rest of his life modifying and retracting

The war with Japan, the civil war and the establishment of the People's Republic



1948-80 he did not leave it again. After a brief period teaching at Wuhan and Yengcheng University in Peking. Tscha Hung was to be preserved at Peking University as head, first of the Semi-

nar for the History of Foreign Philosophy, then of the Insti-tute of Foreign Philosophy. He was made editor-in-chief of a series of anthologies of Chinese translations of classics of western philosophy, from the ancient Greeks to the logical empiricists. In thus transmitting the great tradition of western reason Tscha Hung made no concessions to ideological changes, although the earlier volumes were apparently accompa-nied by official prefaces, by other hands, pointing out the errors of their contents. In 1980, with the opening to the West, Tscha Hung was

Hung from becoming the

Ayer of China. He returned

there to teach philosophy at

Chinese universities during

the war, then spent 1945-47

as a research fellow at New

Tscha Hung returned from

science and empiricism.

again allowed to visit Europe. Though by now in his seven-ties and relatively frail, Tscha Hung became, once more, an indefatigable traveller, charming his hosts with his philosophical acumen and acerbic wit. Through the 1980s he received visiting fellowships at Oxford, contributed to symposia on Wittgenstein and Schlick-Neurath in Austria and lectured in Hong Kong. In 1984 Vienna University awarded him a second, honorary, doctorate on the 50th

anniversary of his first one. In these years he also received some further recognition in his own country, including membership of the council of Peking University. in their last years, Tscha-Hung and Ayer were honorary presidents of the Sino-British Philosophy Summer School in Peking, whose success owed much to their dis-

I sche Hung is survived by his widow, Hong Ho

tinguished patronage.

JOHN IRELAND

John Ireland, Hollywood actor who did most of his best work in the Fifties, died of leukhimia in Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, California, on March 21 aged 78. He was born in Vancouver on January 30, 1914.

College, Oxford. Throughout JOHN Ireland was one of those borderthis period he was publishing line stars whose career, while well-repapers on the philosophy of spected and extensive, permitted him on the whole to play lesser roles in major productions and no star only in films close to Povery Row. In common with Oxford to China, and from several actors of the generation which emerged in Hollywood immediately after the second world war Ireland began with a bang and ended, if not with a whimper, at least with a slow fade to black. Even in his early days in films he was

paradoxically placed. On the one hand he was giving excellent performances in serious films by respected directors (in 1949 he was nominated for a supporting Oscar for his appearance in Robert Rossen's All the King's Men), and on the other he was frequently in the gossip columns as an enthusiastic skirt-chaser, high-liver and macho tearaway. In 1959, when he was 45, he hit the headlines for his affair with the then 16-year-old Tuesday Weld. "If there wasn't such a difference in our ages I'ld ask her to marry me. That and her mother are the only things that stop me." He also rebelled against the Production Code's demands about the type of male under wear to be worn on screen. John Ireland was an extrovert.

Perhaps these seeming inconsistencies were inevitable given his oddly heterogeneous earlier career. Though he was born in Canada his family moved to New York when he was still a child. He began performing, not on stage, but in a swimming pool, his husky physique rec-ommending him as an active and decorative part of a water carnival. Soon he switched to dry land, however, and found work acting in stock companies and on Broadway specialising, surpris-lngly enough, in Shakespeare, for which his naturally clear articulation (no meth-od mumbler, he) and resonant delivery fitted him very well.

He did not catch Hollywood's attention until he turned 30, but when he didhe could hardly have asked for a more prestigious beginning: he appeared in rapid succession playing featured roles in Lewis Milestone's second world war equivalent to his earlier All Quiet on the Western Front, A Walk in the Sun, based on the Harry Brown novel, and John Ford's classic western My Darling Clementine. These were both in 1946 and, his presence being duly noted, Ireland went on to appear in more heman roles in Howard Hawks's Red River and the legal decommendation. and the Ingrid Bergman Joan of Arc. He was also in Samuel Fuller's first film, I Shot Jesse James (1949) in which he was Bob Ford, the T who shot the outlaw.

HAROLD Lovell was a

young curate in Kingston.

Jamaica, when his bishop dis-

patched him to the Western

Front in 1917. He was as-

signed as chaplain to a local



John Ireland with Joanne Dru in All The King's Men.

Also in 1949 he made All the King's Men in which he played Jack Burden, the ruthless intellectual who becomes corrupt politician Willie Stark's right hand man. For this last performance he won golden opinions and his only Academy Award nomination, for best support-

ing actor.
Ireland's looks and physique were a mixed blessing. They tended to get him cast as he-men and hatchet-men. Perhaps too frequently the latter. His facial expression, belying his personal good nature, could all too easily drop into a villainous sneer. For a while after All the King's Men he continued to appear in major productions like Gunfight at the OK Corral, Party Girl and Stanley Kubrick's Spartacus, but there he became increasingly lost in the crowd. His best work was done in much smaller productions like Outlaw Territory (1953) which he also co-produced and co-directed with the distinguished cameraman Lee Garmes, or minimal budget Roger Corman productions like Gun-

CANON HAROLD LOVELL

slinger (1956). He also appeared to good effect opposition Joan Crawford in Queen Bee and this was remembered when she came to make I Saw What You Did (1965), her last Hollywood film, in which a sexy menace was required.

Otherwise his working on several European-made spectacles like 55 Days in Peking and The Fall of the Roman Empire seemed inevitably to lead to long periods in Italy and Spain making the kind of tatty international production which was often the last refuge of Hollywood's falling stars. One of his best later roles was in Dick Richards's lively remake of Farewell My Lovely, in which he was one of the suspicious characters surrounding Robert Mitchum's weary Philip Marlowe. Unfortunately, more characteristic titles were Love and the Midnight Auto Supply and Kavik the Wolf Dog.
Ireland was several times married.

notably to Joanne Dru, who appeared with him in a number of films, including Red River and All The King's Men.

WILFRED CARTEY

Wilfred Cartey. West Indi-an poet and historian of Negro literature, died in New York on March 21 aged 60. He was born in Port of Spain, Trinidad, in 1931.

THE work for which Wilfred Cartey was best known, and for which he will be most valued, was undoubtedly the ground-breaking Whispers from a Continent: The Literature of Contemporary Black Africa (1969). Many copies of it were ordered, from all over the world, from Random House, its original American publisher, before Heinemann Educational Books had the good sense to publish it in

Whispers from a Continent was by no means the first critical study of African writing to appear, but for many it was the first really authentic one. It remains the most sheerly exciting account of its subject available. In it Cartey dealt with such major writers as Camara Laye, Cheikh Hamidou Kane and Chinua Achebe, not only with great soundness and scholarship, but also with infectious sympathy and understanding. Its tone is never strident and the book gives indispensable accounts of the political and literary background to such novels as Achebe's Things Fall Apart, Alex La Guma's A Walk in the Night and Cyprian Ekwensi's Beautiful Feathers. Cartey dealt, too, with the poetry of such men

as Christopher Okigbo - killed in the Biafran war and Gabriel Okara and with the drama of Wole Soyinka.

Whispers from a Continent was also the first book to steer a sensible course between vilification and praise of Amos Tutuola, too despised by many Nigerians and too uncritically acclaimed by many non-Nigerian readers. Most of those who have learned anything about the riches of contemporary black literature have learned them first and foremost from Cartey's

modest and yet creative study. Wilfred Cartey graduated from the University College of the West Indies in 1955. He obtained his MA and doctorate in comparative literature from Columbia, where he taught for most of his life, although he held visiting posts at many other universities, including Ghana, Vermont, Berkeley (California), and Puerto Rico. He lectured at Howard University, in Washington.

Early in his adult life Cartey went blind, which made his achievements even more remarkable. He wrote Islands in the Sun, about the Caribbean, and he also knew Africa very well. Children of Lalibela (1985) describes a trip to Ethiopia. The House of Blue Lightning (1973), is a collection of poems, which perhaps did not receive as much attention as it should have done.

Cartey is survived by four brothers and a sister.

MICHAEL BEVAN

LIVES REMEMBERED

A COLLECTION of 180 obituaries from the 900 or

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and John Higgins, under the title Lives Remembered

occupied the obituary columns now mingle with

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March 24 ON THIS DAY

The bishops, judges and peers who traditionally

Michael Guy Molesworth Bevan, Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, died on March 2, aged 65. He was born on August 23, 1926.

EDUCATED at Eton, Michael Bevan served in the Grenadjer Guards for three years before joining the shipping and trading company. Briscoes and Watford where he became a director and then, in 1980, chairman. In 1957 he inherited the Longstowe estate near Cambridge where he lived and farmed. He was a governor of the Papworth Trust from 1962, chairman from 1980 and chairman of the Ely Cathedral fund-raising appeal

committee. He is survived by

his wife, Mary, three sons and a daughter.



GEORGES DELERUE

Georges Delerue, French composer best known for his film scores, died following a stroke in Los Angeles on March 20 aged 67. He was born in Roubaix,

GEORGES Delerue was one of the favourite composers of France's New Wave film directors. Truffaut used him for early successes including Shoot the Pianist and Jules et Jim. Before that he had provided the score for Resnais' Hiroshima, mon amour. The music for Philippe de Broca's The Man from Rio came



enties he returned to Truffaut to provide the scores for La Nuit amércaine and Le Der-

nier Metro. Delerue carne from a working-class family but he won a scholarship to the Paris Conservatoire, where Darius Milhaud was among his teachers. There he was encouraged in his desire to compose movie scores and his ambition was achieved by the

quickly caught the ear of filmmakers abroad. Fred Zinnemann engaged him for Behold a Pale Horse and A Man for All Seasons and the parinership was resumed in Day of the Jackal and Julia. By that time he had already moved to Hollywood and picked up an Academy award in 1979 for best original soundtrack for A Little

cluded the scores for Bruce Beresford's Mister Johnson. John Hughes' Curly Sue, and Bryan Gibson's The Josephine Baker Story.

France appointed Georges Delerue Commandeur de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres. He married Micheline Gautron in 1959; they have one daughter

Canon Harold Guildford Lovell, the last stryiving British army chaplain from the first world war, died on March 15, aged 102. He was born on February 6,

time he had turned thirty. His European success

unarmed labour battalion, one of 11 that were raised in the West Indies. He sailed with them in a troopship to Nova Scotia, where they joined the first detachments of United States troops that were being sent to redress the Romance.
His other recent works in-

balance of the old world. After crossing the Atlantic to Boulogne, Lovell and his men, the 7th West Indian battalion, were posted near the railhead at Elverdinge, between Poperinge and Ypres, to manhandle heavy ammunition for the artillery. He spoke later of his admiration for both the strength and courage of the big young Ja-maicans as they loaded giant shells from railway trucks on

front



However, Lovell's duties soon ranged far beyond their pastoral care. He became responsible for a large casualty dearing station, ministering to the wounded as they were stretchered from the trenches and, all too frequently, burying the dead. In common with many others serving in the grim conditions of Flanders, he sought refuge in Poperinge, where the Rev "Tubby" Clayton had founded Toc H in Talbot House. Lovell, who became a friend and admirer of Clayton, later

started the Toc H movement

in Jamaica and remained an

death. In 1918 he managed to snatch a brief leave in England, in order to marry his boyhood girl friend, Mary saleswoman in a London milliner's. He got back "more by crook than by hook" (as he later put it) through offering to look after a party of West Indians in need of hospital treatment for malaria. Lovell himself was to suffer from malaria throughout his life.

He had left Britain shortly before the outbreak of war, to train for the priesthood at a theological college in Kingston. Born in Leyton, northeast London, he had first become drawn to the church through the Boys' Brigade, but lacked the resources to go to college at home. Jamaica was offering, however, a free passage and place for British students in an effort to recruit more young Anglicans for its own churches. Its investment in Harold Lovell was a wise one because he was to spend most of his ministry on the island. After serving as curate at All Saints, Kingston, between 1914 and 1917, he returned from the war in 1919 to become rector of St Jude's and St Christopher's,

active member until his Stoneyhill, for three years and death. In 1918 he managed then rector of Halfway Tree from 1922 until 1949

He was made an honorary canon of Kingston Cathedral in 1939 and a canon emeritus in 1950, following his return to this country on account of his wife's poor health. After serving briefly as curate at Bishop's Hatfield, Hertfordshire, then as rector for two years of Wyddial and Anstey, he became rector in 1952 of Essendon, a parish in the gift of the Marquess of Salisbury at nearby Hatfield

A convivial, pipe-smoking cleric with a twinkling eye, Harold Lovell became close to the Salisbury family and, after his retirement in 1964. lived in a cottage on their estate. Barbara Cartland was another former parishioner and long-standing friend. Lovell's 100th birthday party was held in Hatfield House

two years ago.
His continuing mental agility was recently demon-strated by two broadcasts he made on Radio 4. His wife, whom he met through the church, died in the 1980s but not before they had cele-brated their 65th wedding anniversary together.

By the mid-sixteenth century the majority of the population of Nismes [Nimes] was Protestant. Strife between them and the Catholics was nic In 1687 Louis XIV built a fortress there to keep the parties in check; it falled to prevent the Protestants

from being massacred in 1815. STRIFE IN NISMES

The 59th number of the Minere, which has just been published, contains the following intelligence from Nismes:-Murch 8

"Behold us again a prey to the most serious alarms; the volcano threatens a fresh eruption. The news of the proposition made in the Cham-ber of Peers has given fresh confidence to the instigators of troubles and the arrisans of discord: they have threatened peaceable citizens, and last night after the play, gave themselves up to the most violent excesses. The cold indifference with which authority has been for four months ndered into uncertain hands, and the inconceivable departure of the garrison, contributed not a little to the

audacity of the agitators. At seven o'clock in the morning some of those wretches who mission was paid for. It is companies might have their full complement. Some were even heard to say, publicly, that as soon as the present Ministry should be kicked out, they would appoint a grand review on the esplanade, to celebrate

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In different quarters of the city, men were known to have prepared their fire-arms, and to have provided themselves with carnidges; numerous assemblages traversed the boulevards, and threatened peaceable citizens. The son of M. Gros was pursued by a mob, throwing stones: M. Hage, in returning from the play, was attacked by several aceable citizens. The son of men as he entered his own house. The son of the unfortunate Lichere, massacred in 1815, was violently assaulted and bruised. Tourtin, an inn-keeper, and several other per-

sons, were maltreated. During a great part of the night, mobs paraded the streets, crying, with a ferocious joy. "The King is dead!" The madment and do they think, that if so great a calamity were to plunge France into sorrow, the crime would remain unpunished? The quarters of the city which they traversed were thrown into consternation; every one recalled the atrocines of 1815 and 1816. Many citizens, assaulted and wounded, complained to justice, and a proces verbal was drawn up. either by the King's Procureur of by the agents of the police; but it would lead to an erroneous estimate of the number and violence of the excesses committed, to judge of them by the number of the complaints preferred.

assaulted will not, or to speak more properly, dare not complain. In the same manner, during the month of December, at the time when the Mayor of Nismes pretends that there were neither troubles nor provocations, nor green cockades, several persons who had abandoned their villages, durst not bring any charges against

Architecture

Car park with sense of motion

By MARCUS BINNEY, ARCHITECTURE CORRESPONDENT

FEW multi-storey car parks show any sign of tender loving care in their maintenance, let alone design. So the burghers of Chichester in West Sussex can rest content that no car park in Britain has been so carefully considered from any aspect as their new Avenue de Chartres car park just south of the city walls

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The architects, Birds, Portchmouth and Russum, won the job in an open competition and for them it has had all the excitement of a first major commission. "A car park is the last truly public building, one where the public has access to every part." Richard Portchmouth

Granted the building has been attacked locally as "a giant Saddamite fortress" and "a huge salmon pink ferry boat" but the very extravagance of the illusions suggests something far more colourful than the usual rainBy day the smooth round. flat-topped towers might just be some mud brick kasbah in the desert and at night they light up as festively as the funnels of a paddle steamer.

The row of five towers is a deliberate attempt to present a "civic" frontage towards the town, echoing but not aping the lines of Chichester's still remarkable Roman and medieval walls.

The new car park has been kept long and low to ensure it does not intrude into key views of the town. From the roof is a sublime panorama of the cathedral. With the towers,

appropriately comes a wall walk, continuing as a bridge across the Avenue de Chartres, which for all its grand airs is no more than a typical 1960s-style inner ring road.

"We wanted to create a building with a sense of motion." Portchmouth says. This is achieved on the town

stained municipal concreté. side by a repeating diagonal pattern in the brick work, and the introduction of a "staircase" of transparent glass blocks in the tops of the tower walls. Each tower is painted bright yellow, blue, red or green, so returning motorists can locate their cars easily.

to mule trains, which they

then led to the batteries at the

On the other three sides the concrete structure is less exposed. Intriguingly the concrete beams have a distinct tilt. to drain off rain water. giving them the zigzag out-line of a railway car-carrier.

Internally, the architects have made a clever separation between cars and pedestrians. You berth at a pier as in a marina, and have free uninterrupted passage to the staircases and the wall walk to

Birds, Portchmouth and Russum are all in their early thirties and were working in James Stirling's office when they won the competition and decided to set up on their OWD.

the town.

University news

London
Mr Adrian Shipwright has been appointed to the new chair of business law at King's College London, from March 3. He was previously a partner in the ix. department of S. J. Berwin & Nottingham

Honoprary degrees are to be conferred on the following in July: DD: Dr George Carey, Archhishop of Canterbury. LLD: Sir James Blyth. chief executive. The Boots Company, Sir Michael Carlisle, chairman, Trent Regional Health Authority: Mr Charles Mackie, university

LIM: Mr Robert Graham, depmy registrar and secretary to the university's medical school. DMus Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, singer.

DLitt: Ms Glenda Jackson, actress; Professor Laurie Taylor. professor of sociology, York University.

DSc: Professor Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, formerly chief executive, Universities Funding Council: Professor Clive Granger, professor of Econometrics, University of California at San Diego and a former professor at Bradford

Sir Trevor Holdsworth. Chair-



Sir Trevor Holdsworth: Bradford's new chancellor

man of National Power, will be installed as Chancellor of Bradford University today.

Following his installation in the Great Hall, he will confer honorary degrees on Mr John Briggs, pianist: Mr Peter Flesher, managing director of Allied Colloids; Sir Gordon Jones, chairman of Yorkshire Water, and Mr Frank Mumby, former lecturer in music at Leeds University and piano putor to Sir Trevor Holdsworth.

Church news

Edmundsbury and Ipswich). The Rev Nicholas Whitehead, Assistant Curate, The Bourne, Farnham: to be Vicar, St Peter, Hersham (Guildford). The Rev Alan Wilson, Vicar, Caversham St John: to be Rector, Sandhurst (Oxford).

The Rev Alan Arnold, Assistant Curate, Addlestone (Guildford): to retire as from 8 May. The Rev Michael Brown, Vicar. St Peter and St Paul, Godalming (Guildford): to retire as from 30 September. The Rev Jane Durell, Deacon in

Resignations and retirements

the Banbury Team Ministry (Oxford): to retire as from 31 March. The Rev Geoffrey Holman, Vicar, Wetwang and Garton-on-Wolds and Kirkburn, and Rural Dean of Harthill (York): to resign as from I November.

The Rev Philip Ind, Priest-in-charge, Hurley and Stubbings (Oxford): to retire as from 31 March. The Rev Canon Peter Lloyd, Vicar, St Martin, Epsom (Guildford): to retire as from 31

Appointments The Rev Allan Viller, Vicar, Emneth: to be Vicar, Littleport St George w. St John, Little Ouse, held with St Matthew (Ely). The Rev Richard Webb, REctor, Rougham and Beyton w. Hessett and Rushbrooke: to be Priest-incharge, Woodbridge St John (St

> spread terror through the city in 1815, were heard to say, that the Protestants would have to pass an unhappy week; that they meant to begin their operations in the evening at the theatre, and they were suf-ficiently numerous to accomplish their object. A great number of porters were accordingly at the theatre; among others was remarked the notorious Sac a M****. It is confidently stated, that their added, that several officers of the ex-national guard assembled to replace sergeants and corporals deceased, that the

The greater portion of those those whose menaces and our-rages had compelled them to leave their dwellings.

EC snub delights seat of learning

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BY ROBIN STACEY

CAMBRIDGE has been dropped from the list of possible homes for the European Community's new environment agency — to the local council's delight.

Cambridge City Council originally reacted with horror to the government's proposal that the university city would make an ideal centre for the new branch of EC bureaucracy. Councillors feared that playing host to the new headquaters would attract thousands of Eurocrats and environmental groups to the city, which is already struggling to cope with vast numbers of students and tourists.

Far from wishing to take on the whole of Europe's environmental problems, councillors felt they had their hands full coping with their own. Visitors to the new centre designed to collate European environmental information would inevitably bring more traffic problems and more pressure on the city's

hard-stretched services. Yesterday, after months of agonising, the European Commission announced that Cambridge was out of the running for the job. The EC's Environment Commissioner. Carlo Rina di Meana, said the candidates had been whit-

tled down to Copenhagen, Milan, Madrid and Seville. A final decision is still a long way off. France is refusing to endorse any of the candidates until Strasbourg is secured as the permanent site of the European parliament.

In response to pressure from Robert Rhodes James, then the local Conservative MP, the Labour-controlled council eventually grudgingly accepted the idea in theory, but envisaged for the centre not a prime city site tucked between a couple of Tudor colleges but an out-of-the-way suburban site somewhere on the road to Newmarket in an area referred to as the "A45 corridor".

Cambridge would have made an ideal home for the centre in some respects. It is the headquarters of the British Antarctic Survey, the scientific body which discovered the hole in the ozone laver. But the council felt that as the most visited place in Britain after London, the medieval town simply could not take any more guests, no matter how worthy. Anything that would bring more traffic is viewed with suspicion.





Millinery mastery: models preparing to display hats and jewellery by Pip Hackett and Kay Minter designed to turn some heads at the Art in Fashion show which opens in London today. Materials used in the creations include shellfish and silk

24 walk away as plane crashes in snowstorm

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that had apparently snapped off, a nosewheel and an engine remained on the runway, with the rest of the aircraft in pieces in the water. The rescue effort was hampered by a rising tide that covered the entire fuselage.

One survivor, a woman aged 23 who asked to be identified only by her first name, Laura, said the plane rose a few feet then tilted to the left and hit the ground. There was a flash of light and the next thing she knew, she opened my eyes but there was no plane over me," she said.
"I was next to it." She was admitted to hospital with minor burns

Patrick Silver, who lives near the airport, said he saw the crash through his living room window. "It slammed back into the ground, and then the fuselage burst into

Investigators began their work confident they could determine the cause of the accident. The two flight recorders aboard were found and, al. all 11 people on board.

though the pilot was killed, the co-pilot was in stable con-

dition in hospital.
USAir said last night that
the wings were treated with a 55 per cent solution of ethanol glycol more than half an hour before the crash. "Our policy is that 20 minutes after the last de-ice the crew will check the surfaces themselves and decide whether they should de-ice or not. In bad conditions this can happen every ten minutes or, if they consider that it is not necessary, it can wait for up to 40 minutes. On this occasion the crew did not call for another

American airlines use a weaker solution of ethanol glycol than European airlines, and de-icing routinely takes place even when temperatures are well above freezing. At La Guardia yesterday the temperature was 31 de-grees Fahrenheit — the ideal conditions for the rapid build-up of ice and snow. An Aeroflot cargo plane exploded and crashed in cen-

Gas chief gets 17.6% rise

Mr Evans's performance related bonus, to £84,510. It lifts the salary of the 64-year-old executive by £1,252 a week to £8,370 a week.

The decision was defended by the chairman of British Gas's salaries committee, Roger Boissier, who said: "In determining the chairman's pay we must have regard for salary levels in the interna-tional external market in order to attract and retain the high calibre of talent needed to run one of the country's largest companies with worldwide interests." ian Powe, chairman of the

Gas Consumers' Council, said that people would take a dim view of the increase. "British Gas made 72 per cent of its £1.5 billion profit last year in the monopoly domestic market. Salaries of

domestic market. Salaries of this size seem totally inappropriate in privatised utilities."

Mr. Boissier said that it could be argued that Mr Evans should be paid more. A survey by Labour Research showed that 133 top British executives earned more than £500,000 a year, and 49 earned more than £1 million, moom excesses and judge the

he said. A comparison with the pay of chairmen and senior directors in the top 15 UK industrial and service companies showed a median (middle) of £529,360. Against this background, it could be argued that the chairman of British Gas

should earn more than he has actually been awarded." Eddie Newall, national of-ficer of the GMB general union, who represents 30,000 British Gas workers, said: "There is no justifica-tion, economically or morally, to pay the chairman more in a week than many of his staff

earn in a year. Rodney Bickerstaffe, chairman of the TUC's economic committee, said: "This is an obscene increase at a time of recession when customers on low pay and low incomes are struggling to pay their bills. It cannot be justified in any

Mr Brown said last night that he was challenging all monopoly utility chiefs to publish their salary levels and perks before the election so that the public could see the

ineffectiveness of the current regualtion powers to safeguard the public interest.

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Labour's energy spokes-man Frank Dobson said: "This is another example of the sheer unrivalled greed which has been let loose by setting up privatised monop-olies. "Privatisation has meant huge price increases for the customers and huge pay rises for the bosses. There is neither real competition nor effective regulation. Labour will put a stop, to it."

More efficiency? There's the rub

BY NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

While many theories have been promulgated to account for Britain's industrial malaise include industrial malaise, including the power of the unions. short-term profit taking by the City and a failure to innovate, a leading engineering institution is blaming it, albeit partly, on too

More than £1.5 billion is being lost every year to creaky machines, badlyoiled devices, simple design flaws and widgets that grind regardless rather than spin in low friction harmony, claims the Insti-tution of Mechanical Engineers which yesterday launched its War On Wear campaign. Instead of worshipping Japanese-style management practices, the main word on corporate lips should be tribology.

Defined as "the science and technology of interact-ing surfaces in relative motion and of related practices", tribology comes from tribein, the Greek for

The word was coined in the 1960s by Peter Jost, who chaired a government-backed lubrication education and research working group on the costs to industry of unnecessary wear and tear. He said yesterday that their findings, which showed that more one per cent of the nation's GDP was being wasted on me-chanical friction, were ridiculed at the time.

Nevertheless the findings have since been sub-stantiated by more wily nations including Germany and China. For example, China, after enlisting a team of 5,000 experts in 1985, concluded that its industry could save 1.8 per dustry could save 1.8 per cent of GDP by minimising the wear and tear that causes mechanical breakdowns and higher energy bills through the use of new materials, better working practices and the timely intervention of the oil gun. Twenty-five years after Professor Jost's report, the

institution hopes to engage the same enthusiasm among British companies by making them aware of the advantages of being tribologically sound. Brian Halligan, the institution's campaign chairman and technical director of James Walker and Company in Woking, Surrey, said yes-terday that, despite Britain having three centres of tri-bology — at Risley, Leeds and Swansea — there had been a failure to translate this research to industry.

This contrasted sharply with countries including Russia, America. China. France and Germany, "who had been very specific at translating the benefits", he said. Mr Halligan said the findings from overseas showed that, for a relatively small outlay, huge returns were possible. "For every £1,000 of capital invested turn is £40.000 - in some industries the return could be much higher," he said.

The tribology campaign is also emphasising improved safety. a reduction n pollution and lower energy bills. Under the campaign, which has the backing of the trade and industry department and industrial sponsors, including British Coal and Shell Oils, a telephone helpline has been established, a video produced and regional seminars planned. The campaign is also being sup-ported by leaflets contain-ing case studies.

British Coal, for example, now use a technique on machines at the pit face. By sampling the state of the oil, researchers gain clues as to the extent of wear and tear being suffered by a machine. The company claims to be detecting three quarters of breakdowns before they happen.

Tribology Action Campaign: Industry Helpline. 071-973-

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Tories and Labour in tax stalemate

the focus of their much-criticised campaign to attack the effects of Labour's tax policies on the skilled working class. They argued that Labour's spending commitments would require tax increases

for earners at all levels, so that the average personal tax in-crease would be £1,250 a

Mr Major continued to

It will be cold everywhere, with

a blustery, mainly northerly

condemn Labour's plans during his speech in Sheffield last night. He said Mr Kinnock's party was soft on law and order and on the trade unions and he dismissed their £1 billion industrial recovery plan as "sticking plaster" to cover a lack of real Labour policy.
The prime minister ac-

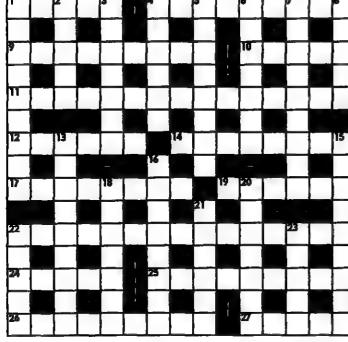
cused Labour of cracking under relentless Tory pres-

sure. The Labour party spokesmen were, he said, committing gaffe after gaffe as their policies fell apart.

Mr Major welcomed Lab-

our accusations that the Conservative election campaign was negative: "That means our attacks are getting home. that means they don't like it. The only negative things in this campaign are their poli-cies for Britain."

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,874



- 1 Some learn to cope with a bird
- 4 Nickname thus applied to fuel 9 At once solid, spherical and
- injurious (4.1.4).

 10 Henry's installed in pleasant, suitable position (5).
- 11 Alter one's attitude and give an encore (4.7.4).
- 12 I left the Spanish capital, returning to Delphi (6).

 14 An old-fashioned king at first changed imperceptibly (8).
- 17 Correspond comprehensively, off
- 19 Retreating Englishman is inside
- the breakwater (6). 22 Andrew's pigeons determined to head south and seek wider ho-
- rizons (6.4.5). 24 Chamois heading off reptile ...

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... in pain, heading us off (9). 26 Veronica has joined expedition -

- fit out expedition's leader. Sally (5).
- Tongue no longer available it's put away (6.3). To rouse means talking to a man
- 3 Work hard getting pictures up on the screen, we hear (7).
- 4 Coach-building (6). 5 Kills with a look (8).

DOWN

- 6 One grid could be cut (7).
- 7 Upper class aristocrat comes in uninvited to investigate the interior (2,7).
- 8 Article -- note the subject (5). 13 Cattle are shaping to lock horns
- 15 Improved appearance of swee (including most of another) with inversion (7,2). 16 Dedicate everything "With love to Tom — East" (8).
- 18 Alone abroad and without a PA
- 20 Wire had to be twisted into a rope
- 21 Boy meets girl once in India (6). 22 Central European wife is absorbed in craft (5). 23 Indian politician - he acquired
- Yesterday's puzzle No 18,873 was incorrectly numbered 18,879

a name for turning up at football

A COLUMN TO THE PARTY OF THE PA

A daily safari through the nguage jungle. Which definitions are correct? by Philip Howard

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b. A floating water shoe

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a. A horse's alcer b. French savoury po c. A vile and wicked SERENO a. A clear sky and sea b. A night watchman c. The Doge of Genoa

Answers on page 16

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AA Roadwatch is charged at 36p per minute (cheap rate) and 48p per minute at all other times.

Concise Crossword, page 9 Life & Times section

wind. South-eastern Britain will be cloudy with showers or rain. Most other eastern parts will also be showery, but with bright spells. Showers are likely to be wintry over hills, especially in the north. In the west and in Northern Ireland, many places will stay dry with some sunshine, but there may be a few showers, especially this afternoon. Outlook: cold with showers or more prolonged rain.



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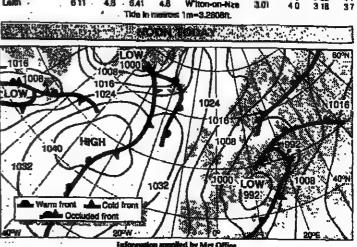
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TUESDAY MARCH 24 1992

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL



PRUDENT?



Prudential, the insurer that gambled on appointing an investment manager as chief executive, will know today whether painful decisions are beginning to pay off

ARGOS SLIDES

Competition among retailers has cut profits at Argos but has not dented expansion plans Page 21 Tempor, page 22



Stora, the Swedish paper group, is to lift its ban on foreign shareholders as Bo Berggren steps up to chairman

BACK IN BLACK

The first reduction in bad debt provisions among the clearers put the Co-operative Bank back into the black

DRAWBACK

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Brent Chemicals, which issued a profit warning in Jamuary, will draw on reserves to maintain its dividend Page 28

Exports rise to highest since August

Rising imports keep trade gap above £1'bn

By Colin Narbrough, Economics correspondent

A CURRENT account against the mark, anchor curdeficit of £750 million in February, and a bigger January deficit than earlier reported, yesterday brought further disappointment to a City still although still stuck at the recovering from last bottom of the ERM table. week's onslaught of mainly bad figures.

Poor trade figures have in the past contributed to election upsets, but the financial markets are currently focused on opinion polls rather than economic indicators. Share prices dropped after the trade figures were released at 11.30am, with the FT-SE 100 index down 23.4 points at its worst. At the close it had

THE Bundesbank is optimis-tic about slowing annual in-

flation in western Germany

to below 4 per cent this year, according to Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who attended last Thursday's session of the

bank's policy-setting council. However, his encouraging

remarks, made in Bonn, were quickly followed by a comment from Hans Tietmeyer.

the Bundesbank vice-presi-dent, that appeared to rule

out any early easing of Ger-

Herr Tletmeyer, speaking in London before attending a German chambers of com-

merce lunch, said there was

"no likelihood that German

monetary policy would

change in the short term."

German cost of living figures, due this week, are expected to

show annual inflation exceed-.

ing February's 4.3 per cent.
Helmiut Hesse, president of
the regional central bank for

Lower Saxony and a member

man interest rates.

rehty of the European ex-change-rate mechanism (ERM). At the official London close it was at DM2.8646, up over a quar-Sterling also gained almost 2 cents to \$1.7203 and was 0.2 up on its trade-weighted in-

dex at 90. The trade figures had been expected to show the current account deficit narrowing to about £450 million last month from a disturbingly large January shortfall, previously given as £794 million and now revised to £858 miltion. But a substantially lower recovered to 2.441, down than expected projection for 15.6. But the pound firmed surplus on invisible items,

of the Bundesbank council, lent weight to Herr Tiet-

meyer's statice, by disclosing unpublished figures that show German M3 money supply growing 8.6 per cent in February after a 9 per cent

increase in January. This compares with the Bundes-

compares with the Bundes-bank's target growth conidor of 3.5 to 5.5 per cent.

Herr Hesse said it would be "extraordinarily difficult" to get the money supply growth in the target range. The cur-rent growth trend would not allow any cuts in official lend-ing rate, he said. He foresaw upward pressure on inflation

upward pressure on inflation

if the pay round settlements are excessive.

Key German lending ra

are at their highest for 40 years, which means that Germany's European partners

are forced to keep interest rates high despite domestic

economic conditions that

would warrant interest rate

Germany offers no

hope of rate cuts

BY OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

still exceeding £1 billion, left the current account deficit uncomfortably high, given the weak state of the

dued by the recession, rose 6.4 per cent in Pebruary to. £10.05 billion. Exports were up 8.6 per cent at £9 billion, the highest since August, given ing a visible trade gap of £1.05 billion. Excluding oil

before at this point in the recessions achieved current

while import values were up

ports," he said.

Boonomists fear that the pickup in imports indicates rising import penetration rather than preparation for increased domestic output. With export markets more subdued this year than in 1991, and imports expected a widespread concern that the current account deficit could widen fapidly this year. The Budget forecast of a current account deficit of £6.5 billion this year is seen as over-optimistic, given the £1.6 billion deficit so far.

economy.
Imports, which were sub-

and erratic items the visible deficit was £1.1 billion. Chris Dillow, economist at Nomura Research, said this meant Britain had a larger underlying deficit than ever

account surpluses.

The longer term trends, which compare the latest three months with the previous three, showed a current account deficit widening to £1.7 billion from £1.1 billion. The underlying trend in vol-ume trade also shows a clear rise in imports, while export growth shows little sign of picking up after the spurt seen last summer. Export val-ues over the latest three months were I per cent up on the previous three months,

1.5 per cent.
John Major greeted rising imports of capital goods as a pointer to recovery, as companies prepered for the upturn. "What is excellent is the continued growth in ex-



Growing not sinking: Bill Rooney is spending £102 million during the recession ready for the upturn

Pentagon 'bailed out' McDonnell **Douglas**

FROM JAMIE DETIMER IN WASHINGTON

THE Pentagon gave Mc-Donnell Douglas, the defence contractor, more than \$200 million to bail it out of financial difficulties in 1990, an American government au-dit has revealed.

The payments and overail plan involved "significant non-compliance" with federal defence procurement regulations, but the defence department's inspector general, who carried out the audit, said it was unclear whether the plan

and payments were illegal. The audit said the Pentagon pursued six options in shifting money to the aerospace company at a time when it was in financial difficulties. The options in-cluded increasing the size of contracts, shifting costs between contracts and provid-

ing large advances. The audit found that Mc Donnell received a \$148 million payment on the C-17 cargo jet programme in 1990 because the Air Force allowed the firm to shift the develop-

In October 1990, another payment, which is now under congressional scrutiny, in-volving more than \$72 mil-

lion, was made.
A congressional committee is now investigating whether the Pentagon has provided

any aid since, John Conyers, the Democrat chairman of the House government operations committee, wrote to the inspector general recently asking him to provide a full account of how much money was fun-nelled to McDonnell and to

Congressional sources also said the committee is examining the navy's termination in early 1991 of the A-12 stealth attack aircraft programme to determine whether that was also part of the bailout plan. The Pentagon deferred its demand for a repayment of \$1.35 billion by McDonnell namics, after the programme

was cancelled. Yesterday, a McDonnell spokeswoman said: "I am not aware of any secret bailout plan. Throughout the course of the C-17 programme, Mc-Donnell Douglas received payments only for the work

Bupa moves back into the black

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

BUPA, Britain's largest private medical insurance group, is back in the black, but only just. The group re-ported a £1.3 million pre-tax profit (£38 million loss) for 1991; the tax bill of £12.5 million meant the group had for the second year running

a loss of £40.7 million (£61.7 million loss) but investment income, almost tripled to £21

screening and the nursing agency, turned in a profit of £21 million (£15.4 million).

to the renegotiation of the price paid for Sanitas, the Spanish health insurance company acquired in 1989. This involved £40.6 million of goodwill being written back. Investment appreciation of £24 million, a fixed asset revaluation of £12.3 million and exchange-rate gains of £6

tion to the reserves. The solvency ratio has in-

creased from 31.4 per cent to 39.5 per cent almost double the minimum required by the

about is now in place." Turnover for the group, which has 50 per cent of the health insurance market. topped £1 billion for the first time last year. During the and higher premiums resulted in a net loss of 210,000

Private Patients Plan. profit for last year and an increase in subscribers.

Spring Ram bucks trend

BILL Rooney, chairman of Spring Ram Corporation, expects the kitchens and bath-rooms maker to continue to defy the slump in the home improvement and building

The company, which increased pre-tax profits by 25 per cent to £37.6 million in 1991, is undergoing a £102 million expansion programme to double manufac-

turing capacity by 1993.
"The group is bristling with new ideas and opportunities within its chosen market sec-tors, both in the UK and selected overseas markets," said Mr Rooney. Turnover rose from £145.29 million to £194.17 million. The company sells about 20 per cent of its products through do-ityourself chains and a further 20 per cent through builders' merchants. But its main distributors are smaller, inde-

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THE POUND

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Banker may join O&Y board

BY MATTHEW BOND IN LONDON AND PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

OLYMPIA & York, the Canadian property group, is planning to appoint a senior American banker to its main board. It has come under pressure from the world's banks to drop the secrety that has traditionally surrounded

the group's finances. A high level appointment would reassure O&Y's banks: as they consider a restructuring of the group's debts, estimated to be well over C\$10 billion (£5 billion). The company has held talks with Thomas S Johnson, the former president of Manufacturers Hanover, the American investment bank, who would become the most se-nior non-family member of the board. No appointment,

however, has yet been made. O&Y is also expected to appoint JP Morgan, the investment bank, to co-ordinate the debt restructuring. Yesterday, JP Morgan said it had

On Sunday, O&Y admitted it faced a liquidity crisis, brought about by problems with its C\$800 million commercial paper programme. Persistent rumours in recent weeks that O&Y would file for bankruptcy had prompted holders of the commercial paper to rush to redeem it. Funding these redemptions diverted money away from its

intended use of paying for the remaining work still to be completed at Canary Wharf. solved over the weekend, when a group of banks, in-cluding Bardays and Lloyds, advanced further facilities to O&Y, including £52 milion earmarked for Canary Wharf. Bardays is managing the phased drawing down of

the London element. ther bank facilities that will

involvement with the mercial paper programmes, company. which will now be retired as

they fall due.

The liquidity problem was O&Y has also agreed fur-

Last week, O&Y was forced to withdraw the £215 million sale of one of the Canary. Wharf buildings to an enterprise zone trust after the shortened Finance Act failed to include the legislative changes needed for the sale, and the group's fund raising dispute with Morgan Stanley is now likely to be settled in

In New York yesterday, analysts were estimating that the banks may have to writeoff between 20 and 30 O&Y. Banks owed \$500 million or more are believed to include the Bank of Montre-al, Bank of Nova Scotia. Canadian Imperial and Royal Bank of Canada, Citicorp -America's largest bank -Chemical Bank, Security Pacific, and the Japanese banks

discover who was involved in authorising the plan.

cent of their loans to and its partner. General Dy-

no comment to make on its Sumitomo and Dai-Ichi. Next comes the Davies 'magalogue'



Making waves: George Davies vesterday

Davies is back. Three years after being ousted as boss of Next, the clothing retailer, in hunching a new-style mail order catalogue.

£5 million on his new venture, a modest investment compared with the £25 million he had at his disposal when he took Next into the mail order business with Next Directory in January 1988. The intention, though, is the same: to make waves and to make

Mr Davies and his wife,

BY RODNEY HOBSON

sociates are to bring out a 48-page, full colour monthly tab-loid called *Xtend*, with clothes blaze of acrimony, he is and accessories for men, designers with prices ranging muching a new style mail women and children. This is from £100 for a suede jacket the first time, as far as I'm to £5 for a set of briefs. He is spending more than aware, that anyone in the world has done a mail order

monthly," said Mr Davies. Each edition of Xtend will be new, with clothes and fashions appropriate to the sea-son and about 70 per cent of them different from the previ-

"magalogue", as much magazine as catalogue, and said it Krystyna, set up George Da-vies Partnership, a fashion and fun with a few surprises. consultancy, after breaking As well as fashion features, it Directory.

THE irrepressible George links with Next. They and as-will contain a gardening sec-Davies is back. Three years sociates are to bring out a 48-tion. A range of "classless clothes" will be offered, produced by the company's own

The magalogue will be distributed as an insert in a national newspaper and five regional papers, and Dillons, the bookshop, will sell copies

competing with any company that sells clothes but denies Mr Davies called Xtend a he is tilting at Next, where he once carned £561,000 a year as chairman and chief executive. He lost his crown only 11 months after launching Next

to dig into its reserves.

Health insurance turned in

million, cut the division's loss to £19.7 million. Health services, which includes hospitals, health

The group's reserves in-creased by 30 per cent to £311.8 million. This was due

million completed the addi-

trade department. Mr Jacobs, who joined the group last May from British Sugar, said he wanted to "make the whole business op-

erate on a more efficient and competitive basis". He continued: "All divisions in the group showed an improved performance which is a significant achievement at a time when the recession deepened and competition increased. Bupa has now firmly moved forward. It has a clear business strategy which will see the development of all our current business areas. The team which will bring this

year increased competition subscribers from 3.5 million.

Bupa's rival, is expected to report next month a post-tax

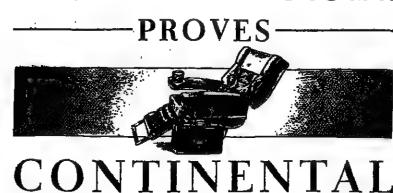
in DIY sector BY MARTIN BARROW

products sector.

pendent shops. The company ended the year with £45.3 million in cash, up from £31.3 million, despite investing £14 million in fixed assets and £16 million in key areas of working capital to support the development of new activities.

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Stora to lift restrictions on foreign ownership

By COLIN NARBROUGH

STORA, the Swedish pulp and paper group that claims to be the world's oldest joint stock company, is about to lift the restrictions on foreign ownership of its shares.

The derestriction, to be put to the annual meeting on May 7, will be accompanied by a boardroom shuffle that represents the first withdrawal by Peter Wallenberg, scion of Sweden's powerful financial-industrial dynasty, from an important chairmanship in the Wallenberg empire.

Stora, which has its origins in a copper mining company dating from 1288, is the forestry products arm of the Wallenberg network. Inves-tor, the Wallenbergs' publicly listed investment company, holds 29 per cent of Stora, but in typically Swedish fash-ion, power has been exercised through control of the board.

Mr Wallenberg, aged 65, underwent heart surgery last year, but has made a full recovery. Peder Bonde, his cousin, is also scheduled to resign from the Stora board at the meeting.

Bo Berggren, aged 56, president and chief executive, will become chairman. Mr Berggren, a corporate professional with no family connection, will remain chief executive for a transitional period.

Significantly, Mr Berggren was last month appointed

vice-chairman of Investor.

While Mr Berggren has long been considered heir apparent to Mr Wallenberg, continuity of management is to be underlined by the choire to be underlined by the choice of Lars-Ake Heigesson, aged 50, as Mr Berggren's successor as president. He is also set to inherit the role of chief executive later. But the Wallenbergs have not withdrawn entirely. Waiting in the wings is Jacob Wallenberg, still in his thirties, who has been a board member since 1985. In London last Friday, Mr

Berggren and Mr Helgesson made no secret of the difficult time their company has been having with recession hitting many of its main markets. Pre-tax profits fell 61 per cent last year to Krl.1 billion (£105.6 million), despite 2.7.6 per cent climb in sales to Kr67 billion. But in the last four months, there was a pretax loss of Kr97 million, against a Skr I. ! billion profit in the same period of 1990. Mr Berggren said this year "may be the bottom" for Stora. Given the cost-cutting

measures and disposal pro-

gramme it has undertaken, he expects the company to

look "very attractive" in the



Strategy urged for arms switch

BRITAIN'S defence manu-factorers are falling behind in the international race to replace weapons factories with civil facilities because the government has failed to provide a clear lead, Oxford Research Group says (Ross

Delays in developing a strategy are costing jobs. because a switch of resources

would lead to increased prosperity and employment, according to a report by Oxford's Tony Voss. His study, Converting the Defence In-dustry, calls for government initiatives to assist redirection of Britain's biggest in-

dustry.
Oxford Research Group,
which is funded by charities,
specialises in defence and

security issues. In an analysis of parties' defence plans, Dr Voss concludes that defence spending might con-tract faster under a Conservarive administration than a

The report says govern ment must give clearer sig-nals about procurement

Road to recovery mapped

PROM BRIAN BUCHANAN IN SYDNEY

by TNT

TNT, the global transport group, expects its European operations to halve their losses this financial year and return to profit next year.

Sir Peter Abeles, chief execunive and deputy chairman, said yesterday that the group also hoped to return to record levels of profit in the next few years. TNT posted an interim loss of Aus\$\$1.05million last

Sir Peter was speaking at a conference here called to mark the completion of TNT's European joint-ven-ture express freight deal with five national post offices. He said it would be four to six weeks before it was clear how the joint-venture company, GD Net BV, was operating. But it was already exceeding

Sir Peter said Ansett Transport Industries, the airline jointly owned with The News Corporation should continue to improve, but would still make losses in the year to June 30. "It's starting to straighten out as we were planning." he added.

He revealed that last week's announcement of a deal with Federal Express group, based in America, was not included in the calculations and would

No financial details of the joint-venture company were released, but Sir Peter said it was capitalised at one unit of debt for one unit of equity, with US\$240 million for each **BUSINESS ROUNDUP**

Bemrose makes more from reduced turnover

BEMROSE Corporation, the security and promotional printer, lifted pre-tax profits 3 per cent to £5.06 million in the year to end-December, despite a £2 million fall in turnover to £48.6 million. There was an extraordinary charge of £1.4 million, relating to closures and disposals. Gearing rose to 57 per cent (44 per cent). A maintained 7.45p final payout makes an unchanged 11.75p.

Rodger Booth, the chief executive, said: "Bemrose is performing strongly through the recession, and is well placed to take advantage of any economic upturn."

Astec loses £4.8m

ASTEC (BSR), the information technology and power supply products group, blames "the worst trading conditions for years" for the dive in trading profits to £800.000 (£7.7 million) in the year ended December. The company reports a pre-tax loss of £4.8 million, compared with a previous £4 million profit, after an exceptional charge of £2.2 million and a net interest charge of £3.4 million (£3.7 million). The company is passing its total dividend (0.7p). Astec (BSR) says the outlook for 1992 is uncertain, but that gearing has been reduced to 39.6 per cent (54.8 per cent)

Sunleigh goes aboard SUNLEIGH, the USM-quoted leisure products group, is

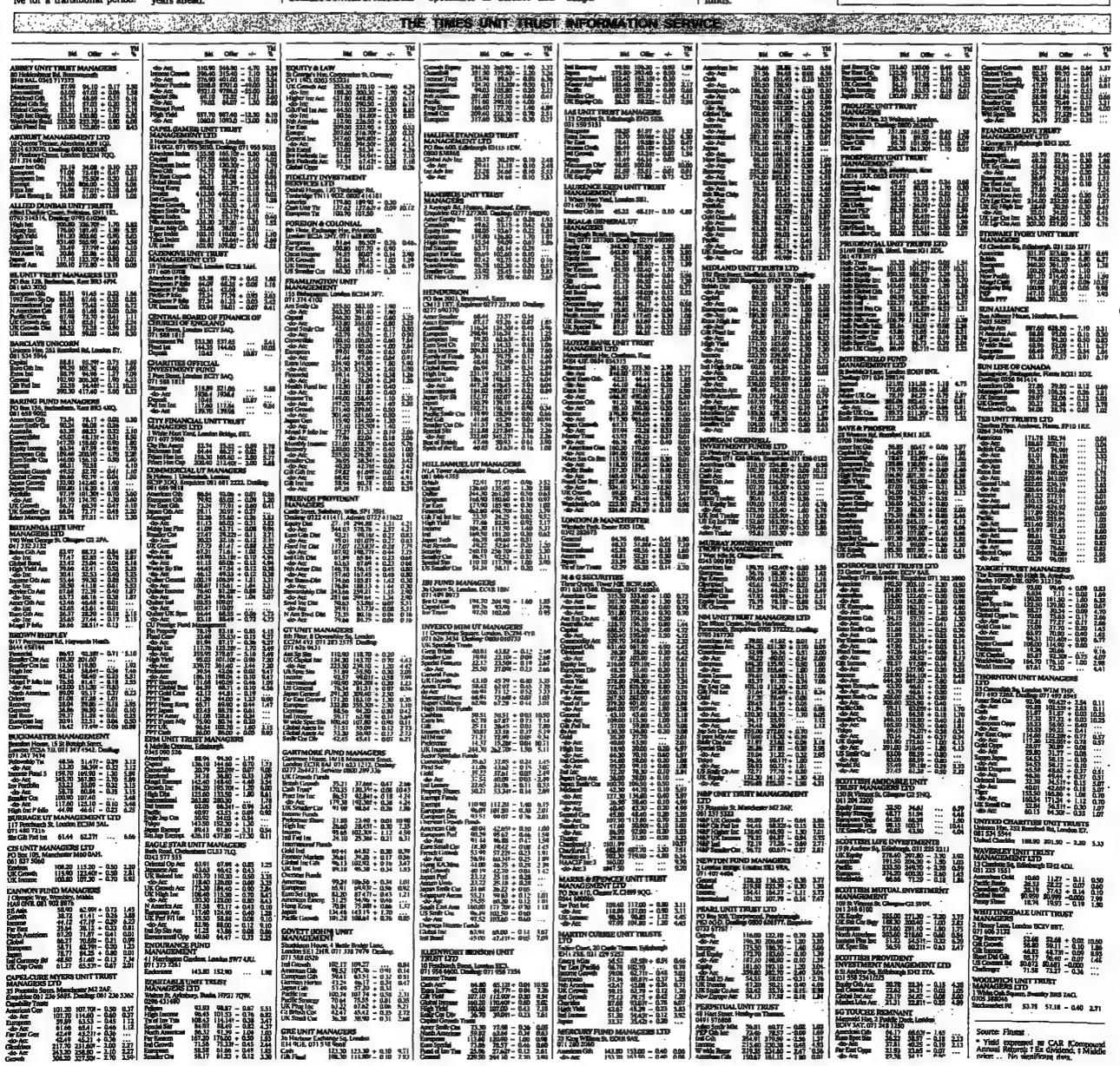
taking a controlling interest in Gavel Securities, a leading maker and distributor of Laser and Dart sailing dinghies and catamarans. Sunleigh is paying about £1.6 million for 62.6 per cent of Gavel, financed through a placing and open offer of 28 million new shares on a 7-for-16 basis, at 8p per with institutional investors to raise about £1.83 million. Sunleigh also unveiled increased pre-tax losses of £2.04 million for the year to end-December, against a deficit of £1.81 million. Turnover, affected by disposals, fell to £9.09 million (£19.9 million). Loss per share is trimmed to 3.15p (4.51p loss). Again there is no dividend.

Lloyd Thompson up

INCREASED brokerage income helped Lloyd Thompson INCREASED brokerage income helped Lloyd Thompson Group, the insurance and reinsurance broker, to a 31 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to £6.67 million in the six months to end-December. New clients, new business from existing clients and the retention of existing business enabled the group to increase brokerage income 27 per cent to £17.1 million. Peter Lloyd, chairman, said progress was being maintained in the second half and full-year results would reflect continuing growth in all the group's business areas. The interim dividend is being raised to 1.65p, against 1.35p last time. Diluted earnings climb from 4.65p a share to 5.70 a share. to 5.7p a share.

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Argos catalogues its first profits fall in five years

ARGOS, the catalogue and in the year ended December end the group's chain would retail chain demerged from BAT Industries in 1990, said retail competition in the Nineries would intensify and that only the strong would

After reporting its first pretax profits setback in five years — showing a fall from E75.1 million to £62.1 million

WOODCHESTER Invest-

ments, the Irish leasing and

banking group that is 47 per

cent owned by Crédit Lyon-

nais, lifted its pre-tax profits by 34 per cent to Ir£39.6

million (£37 million) during

The figures include a first-

time contribution from Mer-

cantile Credit Company of

Ireland, acquired in late-

1990, and also reflects the

return on the equity sub-

scribed by Credit Lyonnais in

January last year. Earnings per share rose by 1 per cent to

Ir17p and the dividend was

increased by 20 per cent to

Burmah

sale brings

in £44m

BY MARTIN BARROW

BURMAH Castrol, the lubricants and chemicals group, has raised £44 million with

the sale of the ceramics, abrasives and diamond prod-

ucis business acquired as part

of the £259 million takeover

of Foseco in late 1990. The

buyer is Apax Partners, a venture capital group, which is paying £41.5 million in cash and assuming £2.5 million in long-term liabilities.

The businesses manufac-

ture and market ceramic

materials, grinding wheels and diamond tooling for the

acrospace, engineering and

automotive industries. Their

pre-tax profits fell to £6.7 million in 1991 (£9.5 mil-

lion). Net assets were £49

million, excluding a £13 mil-

lion property revaluation

completed after the takeover.

million from the sale of noncore businesses inherited with.

Foseco.Burmah will unveil its

1991 results on Thursday.

Burmah has raised £52

the year to end-December.

- the group said current pelitical and economic uncertainty made it difficult to predict conditions for 1992.

At the 1990 trading level. profits fell from £68.2 million to £55.4 million, but trading to date in the first quarter had showed "a small increase". Argos said that, by the year

Ir3.75p (Ir3.125p) after a fi-nal of Ir2.24p (Ir1.865p.)

The profits were struck

after an exceptional credit of

Ir£3.3 million, largely reflect-

ing the profit on the disposal

of Pinnacle, the group's UK insurance subsidiary, for

IrE6.8 million last August:

The improved result was achieved in the face of deep

recession in the UK, where

the group has consumer fi-

nance and leasing opera-

tions, both of which remained

profitable. Woodchester Bank UK, which provides

motor vehicle finance, saw

new business advances in-

crease by two thirds. Wood-

chester said it remained

committed to the UK leasing

and instalment credit sector.

main Irish operation, in-creased new business by 8 per

cent. Deposits in Ireland rose

by 42 per cent to a new high of IrE346 million and, with

vities. The proposed investment will mark

Woodchester's first major ex-

pansion into Europe.

on a pro-forma basis.

Woodchester Bank, the

UK disposal credit

lifts Woodchester

BY OUR CITY STAFF

concept proves successful, the chain will be expanded in 1994 and beyond.

Argos held average cash balances of £56 million £48 nillion) from trading activities in 1991, and net interest earned last year was £6:65

have expanded from 285 to

The first of four Chester-

man Home Furnishers pilot

stotes opens in Mill Hill on

Thursday, and if by 1993 the

more than 300

million (£6.87 million).
The final dividend rises from 4p to 4.3p a share, making 6.4p a share (6p) for

the year. Mike Smith, chief executive, said Argos would decide by mid-year into which of three European countries (Germany, France, or Spain) the group might expand. Meanwhile, at-home costs have been and will continue

While total sales rose 2.3 per cent to £926.6 million last year, underlying store growth

declined 2.6 per cent.
Stores in the South-East were underperforming in 1991, while stores in the North continued to grow. Sales within the jewellery, gifts and sports ranges were below those of 1990, but elec-trical appliances, audio, television, furniture and photography all gained market

Argos is to increase its rate capital expenditure in 1992 to £40 million, and will continue to review "any new business opportunities that research substantiates as being both profitable and viable".

the purchase of UDT First Mr Smith said the group's original register of 140,000 shareholders had slimmed Southern, to IrE643 million Woodchester confirmed through the process of individuals selling and institu-tions buying to 70,000 sharethat it is taking a 30 to 40 per cent stake in CLLE, the hold-ing company for Credit Lyon nais' European leasing acti-

Argos shares closed 4p low-er at 253p.

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BY JON ASHWORTH

PROVISIONAL liquidators have been appointed at Trinity Insurance and Bryanston Insurance, barely two months after a company doctor was brought in.

Richard Boys-Stones and Colin Bird of Price Waterhouse, provisional liquidators, see schemes of arrange-

ACTION

ment, where creditors agree to be paid part of their claim, as preferable to liquidation. John Winter, the company doctor made chief executive of the two firms on January 7. will help with the schemes.

The trade and industry department is believed to be studying transactions made by the two companies since 1990 involving up to £20 million. The DTI neither confirmed nor denies this.

Trinity and Bryanston have presented High Court petitions for a compulsory winding up to obtain protection from creditors with agreed claims. But it is thought the court will be asked to adjourn the hearing of the petitions to develop and circulate the schemes to creditors as soon

The companies are owned by GFA International, a holding company controlled by Grant Fowler, an Austra-lian businessman. Bryanston is a reinsurer dealing largely with North America and has gross insurance reserves of \$250 million. Trinity is a direct insurer with gross re-serves of £100 million dealing mainly in Europe.

ECC changes name back to English China Clays

heads and costs and the

benefit of continued invest-

The company reported strong growth in sales to the end of February, with further

orders for spring and sum-mer. Early indications for ap-

tumn were "encouraging".

A prime motive for the

demerger was to maximise

nal day of trading as a com-

reflecting a lower tax charge,

reduced come and the first full

contribution from Georgia

Kaolin. ECC's 1990 results

Getting the measure of margins: Peter Wiegand of Claremont Garments says demerger was timely

New-look Claremont keeps up profit pace

ECC Group is reverting to its old name of English China Clays in a move that Andrew Teare, chief executive, said reflected the sale of peripheral businesses and the purchase of Georgia Kaolin in 1990.

dend to add to a special 3p demerger dividend making a total of 6.5p. The shares rose 2p to 225p, compared with

an opening 170p following the July demerger.

million to £47.82 million, but operating profits fell from £7.43 million to £6.74 million. Peter Wiegand, chairman, said margin pressure had been partly fifts.

Turnover rose from £46.25

the dedicated Marks and Spencer supplier demerged from Alexon Group last year, returned almost unchanged

pre-tax profits of £6.21 mil-

lion for 1991, compared with a pro-forma £6.42 million in 1990.

The results, covering a 48-week period, show annual-

ised earnings of 15.6p a hare, against 15.7p. There is a 3.5p maiden final divi-

Co-op

Bank cuts

bad dobt

provision

By JONATHAN PRYNN

ONE of the grimmest bank

years ended on a relatively high note yesterday with the Co-operative Bank becoming

the only British clearing bank to announce reduced bad debt provisions for 1991.

Profits before tax for the year to January 11 were £2.1

after provisions but before a

66.3 million exceptional re-structuring charge. The pro-vision for bad debts was down

by 17 per cent at £45 million

and the risk-asset ratio at the

year end stood at.11 per cent.

Terry Thomas, the manag-

ing director, said that the bulk of the bad debts resulted

from the failure of small and

medium businesses, rather

than the collapse of corporate giants of the Eighties. "Many corporate customers of ten

years or more who had al-

ready survived one or more

recession have perished dur-ing this incredibly difficult

The bank, which is wholly

owned by the Co-operative Wholesale Society, had been able to contain bad debt

provisions on personal loans by ceasing promotion of per-sonal lending before the start

of the recession, he said. The personal loan book as a

proportion of total lending

decreased from 50 per cent to

However, the bank is

expected to announce a major

expansion in the personal

banking market in the next few weeks, and has also officially launched Armchair

Banking, its telephone bank-

25 per cent as a result.

year." he said.

Mr Teare said: "We are now an industrial minerals company, with significant interests in construction materials." He was speaking after ECC unveiled pre-tax profits of £115 million for 1991, 57 per cent up on unaudited figures for 1990 and in line with the forecast made last month, when the company announced plans for a £209

million rights issue. The dividend was also in line with the forecast, with a final of 13.4p (13p) making a total payment of 20p (19.6p). Dividend cover rose significantly, as earnings per share jumped from 15.5p to 32.6p, were depressed by a £32 million exceptional item to cover Although the company pre-

Teare: spending again

dicts it will be able to match last year's dividend in 1992. Mr Teare said there was as yet no sign of an upturn in the group's main markets.

bined group Alexon shares were worth 546p. Alexon shares have since fallen from 390p immediately after

demerger to 360p yesterday, giving an aggregate value of 585p, an increase of 7 per cent. By contrast the FT all-

share index has fallen 4 per

cent. Mr Wiegand said: There is no doubt that the

decision to demerge Clare-mont was both timely and

During 1991 ECC cut its workforce by about 2,000 and capital expenditure from about £100 million a year to E10 million. But Mr Teare said the capital expenditure cuts had been necessary only for a "short and aggressive period" and were being re-laxed. Spending plans of £38 million have been announced

for this year. A £20 million extraordinary debit was largely due to the cost of selling the lossmaking International Drilling Fluids, eventually sold last June to New London, the oil services group, for an initial \$5 million.

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Nestlé close to winning Perrier

A deal is expected between the Agnelli family and Nestle that will result in Nestle winning the takeover battle for control of Source Perrier. the mineral water company.

Trading in shares of Perrier and Exor. owner of a substantial shareholding in Perrier, was suspended yesterday when the French stock exchanges association (SBF) said it had been informed that both companies would soon receive higher tender offers as part of an attempt to reach an accord.

Perrier is controlled by Exor and Societé Générale. Exor is controlled by IFINT. an Agnelli investment firm. In Italy, the Agnellis' main family holding, Istituto Finanziario Industriale (IFI), which has bid Fr1.320 per share, for Exor, and, with Groupe Saint-Louis and Socièté Générale units Ominco and Geneval has also made an unconditional, 1,475-franc-per-share bid for Perrier, agreed that a resolution to the two-month struggle for control was close.

Nestle has bid 1,475 france per share for all Perrier shares and reserved the right to abandon the offer if it fails to win 50 per cent of Perrier's shares plus one share. BSN, the French food group, has bid 1,433 francs per share, for all of Exor, and agreed to buy Perrier's Volvic water business if Nestle's bid wins.

Macallen rises

Macallen-Glenlivet saw turnover rise 9 per cent in 1991 to £17.4 million with operating and pre-tax profit at £7.4 million (£6.7 million). The final dividend of 0.5125p makes the total 0.7625p

Druck deal

Druck Holdings, the electronic pressure measuring equipment maker, has won a Boeing Commercial Aeroplane Group contract to supply 3,000 pressure transduc-ers for the new Boeing 777. Production is due to start in the mid-Nineties.

Hibernian up

Hibernian Group, the Irish general insurer, increased pre-tax profits from Ir£3.66 million (£3.41 million) to Ir£8.25 million for 1991. A final Ir3.8p dividend makes Ir5:7p for the year, a 10 per cent increase.

Rotork gains

Pre-tax profits at Rotork, the valve actuators and engineering products maker, rose more than 20 per cent in 1991 to £9.5 million (£7.7 million). A total 10p a share dividend (9p) is declared.

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Sharper focus builds a stronger ECC

AT £115 million pre-tax, ECC Group's 1991 results were in line with the forecast made at the time of the company's £209 million rights issue a month ago.

The consequently unsurprising figures confirm that Andrew Teare, chief executive, is making sound progress in refocusing the group on two businesses — industrial minerals and building materials.

Operating profits from minerals rose from £73 million to £97.7 milion, mainly reflecting a full and improved contribution from Georgia Kaolin, the Ameri can group bought for £310 million in 1990. But evidence from the paper in-dustry, which is in recession, suggests that 1992 will be flat. Profits in building materials fell from £33.7 million to £24.1 million.

The balance of group operating profits of £135 million, up 12 per cent on housebuilding a business Mr Teare has decided is not for ECC. The division contributed £14.3 million, however, with £8.4 million coming from the sale of 417 houses and the balance from land sales. The company hopes to raise about £160 million by selling its land bank, of 6,000 plots, over the next three years.

A virtual freeze on capital expenditure has nearly halved net borrowing to £132.5 million, although this will rise about £20 million because of the \$50 million of auction market preferred stock that will remain after the rights issue proceeds are used to cancel \$350 million of AMPS. Gearing will be less than 20 per cent.

With the interest charge falling and more rationalisation, pre-tax profits of about £135 million look possible. putting the shares on a price earnings multiple of about 14. Fairly valued.

Argos

ARGOS shareholders might be disappointed, though not surprised, that five years of rising profits came to an end in 1991, when the pre-tax figure slipped from £75.1 million to £62.1 million.

One catalogue item that should please, however, is the rise from £48 million to £56 million in the average cash balance generated from trading activities and on which despite lower rates, net interest of £6.65 million (£6.87 million) was earned. This helped the year's total dividend to rise from 6p to 6.4p, even though net earn-

ings slipped by 13 per cent to Weaker trading profits at



Waiting game: Mike Smith of Argos yesterday

£55.4 million (£68.2 million) reflect generally tougher con-ditions and were after 54 million of exceptional charges, most of which are non-recurring But if Argos, under Mike Smith, its chief executive, is waiting for election clouds to clear and for

the economy to shine again, it has used 1991 to attack costs, ready for the upturn. The first of four pilot home furnishers stores opens its doors this week. Meanwhile, thoughts on whether and where to expand in Europe are taking shape. Upgrading

improvement products: "A sound balance sheet, sub-stantial liquid funds and strong positive eash flow enable (such) opportunities to be fully exploited; the new financial year has started

> most encouraging."
> Spring Ram has done it ain. Sales of its bathrooms, kitchens and home improve-ment products rise un-abated, as if the property Last year profits rose 25

of outlets continues, capital expenditure will rise by £10

million to £40 million in

1992 and the headcount

Over the past year, Argos

shareholders is down to

but should recover to £70

the shares are on 16.2 times

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HERE follow trading statements from a company dealing with the harsh realities of

recession, heavily dependent on demand for home

well; future prospects are

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Spring Ram

illion this year. At 253p,

continues to be trimmed.

per cent to a pre-tax £37.6 million and earnings climbed 31 per cent to 7.1p a share. The company was ungeared throughout 1991 and yearend net cash rose from £31.3 million to £45.3 million.

shares have lagged the mar-ket, and an original share register boasting 140,000 Without recourse to shareholders, Spring Ram is in the second phase of a £102 70,000. Pre-tax profits will take time to challenge peak 1990 levels of £75.1 million. million capital investment programme aimed at doubling manufacturing capacity by the end of 1993. Cash neration is expected to be positive with a good return on investment, even without are for window shopping, at least until the consumer a significant recovery in consumer demand.

Growth will not be inhibited by market share, which remains modest - even in Britain Spring Ram accounts for just 5 per cent of total sales. Europe beckons, with exports still accounting for just 15 per cent of group sales. When demand does recover, Spring Ram should not be found wanting.

Spring Ram is not a well kept secret and its shares have raced from 96p to 158p in one year. On a conservative growth assumption of 20 per cent this year they trade on a prospective p/e of

Investors may be reluctant to chase the shares much higher but any weakness should provide buying opportunities.

WALL STREET

New York - American shares opened lower as they relinquished some of the gains made from Friday's "triple witching" futures and options expirations, analysis said. The Dow Jones industri-

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al average was down 8.72 points at 3.267.67. ☐ Tokyo — Shares ended with modest gains, giving up most of an early rally. The Nikkei index was up 54.51 points, or 0.27 per cent, to

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CANAL STOCK WARKS TO BE

Trade figures leave shares looking limp

THE latest trade figures sent a shudder through the City and did little to reassure anxious traders and investors about the Conservative party's prospects of achieving a

Brokers had been banking on some good news to bolster confidence in the pound and provide voters with just a glimmer of hope about the economy. But the trade defi-cit of £750 million was worse than most forecasters had

been predicting.

Dealers said the equity market had been led lower by the future, where the FT-SE 100 index March series had touched 2,420, wiping out: any remaining premium. It later recovered to close at allowing prices in the underlying cash market to also close off the bottom.

formance, with prices again suffering further volatility in thin conditions with only 373 index eventually closed 15.6 down at 2,441, having been 28.7 lower shortly after the trade figures were published.

Government securities closed with gains of £4 at the ionger end as investors continued switching out of other European bond markets. The debt rescheduling at

Olympia & York, the Canadian property group responsible for developing Canary Wharf in London's Docklands, left a bad taste in the mouth of other property developers already staggering under the burden of falling property values. There were losses for Allied London Properties, 3p to 68p, Percy Bilton 5p to 423p, Britis Land 14p to 189p, Capital & Counties 5p to 156p, Chesterfield Properties Sp to 310p. Hammerson A 8p to 405p. Helical Bar 7p to 98p. Land Securities 9p to 394p, MEPC 4p to 311p, and Slough Estates 7p to 164p. British Steel's recent purple

REED INTERNATIONAL: STILL FEELING THE EFFECTS OF RECESSION

patch appears to have come steel industry remains to an end, with the price gloomy, with the cost of raw materials outstripping price shedding 2p at 75p as stock-

Nikko, the Japanese securities house, rates PowerGen and National Power as long-term buys. There is scope for cost cutting at NP, while PowerGen is capable of strong profits

broker Smith New Court rises. It expects the net diviurged clients to sell. Smith dend to be cut. A profits says that the outlook for the downgrading by James Capel er at 120p after going ex-divi-

left Recot International, the publisher, 14p lower at 499p. Capel has cut its pre-tax profit estimate for the the current profits from £75.1 million to estimate for the the current year from £225 million to E217 million. Last year the group made £221.8 million.

There was selective support for the composite insurers, thanks to some words of encouragement from stockbroker County NatWest Wood-Mac. It has upgraded its recommendation for Commercial Union, 4p lower at 414p, and Sun Alliance 4p better at 261p, from a "self" to a "bold". It says there is no point seiling the shares now at these depressed levels. But it has added Royal Insurance, 4p better at 174p, to the buy list. It says the 42 per cent discount of the shares to net asset value is too much. County remains cautious of the stent finished 4p down at 401p and Guardian Royal Exchange ended 34p cheap£62.1 million.

Spring Ram, the bathroom and kitchen equipment group, continues to please with impressive profits. The shares responded with a rise of 3p to 158p. First-time dealings in pri-

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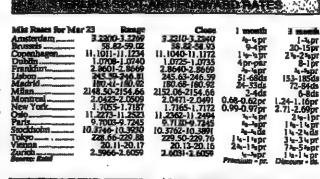
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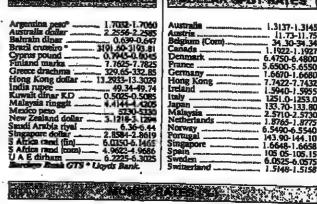
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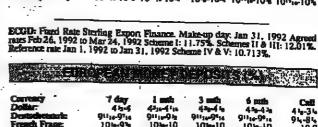
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Hot air over pay at British Gas

Opular singers, barely out of their teens, frequently earn more than the 5435,000 now being paid to British Gas chairman Robert. Evans. The fact attracts little comment and almost no outrage. What differentiates the two cases in the perceptions of the British people? Where it is jealousy and envy we should trouble ourselves no longer with the voices of protest.

It would be a pity, too, if such emotions were allowed to set the agenda for a rational debate about levels of top executive remuneration. On most international comparisons, Mr Evans's pay is by no means excessive for an enterprise as large as British Gas. Research funded with trade union backing shows that well over 100 executives in Britain earn more than £500,000. Mr Evans may have more security than most. But it is difficult to conclude that his pay is too high. Objections to the size of his pay cheque seem misguided or malevolent. Much closer to the mark would be some questioning of the way Mr Evans's salary has grown substantially over the past few years. Increases which are not clearly linked to performance or additional responsibility can be attacked more legitimately as less than fair.

At British Gas and the other privatised utilities, there was a need to adjust top salaries to the reality of a competitive market for private sector executives. if these companies were not to be stricken by a steady departure of their best talent to more congenial posts elsewhere. But at British Gas, the

process, if not complete, has run much of its course. The real failure of British Gas's board has to do not with absolute pay levels but with basic tests of leadership. When times are hard, pain should be shared as evenly as possible. Top men who exhort their juniors to greater endeavour for only modest extra reward are asking for trouble if they accept, without excellent reason, much more themselves.

Trade taboos

ohn Major was wise to get the main monthly batch of economic statistics out of the way early in the election campaign. Even the two figures that might have shown the upside of the recession have proved disappointing for the gov-ernment. After Friday's standstill inflation rate. the modest recovery in the February balance of payments, from what seemed a rogue January deficit, suggests that was not such an exceptional figure after all. From the spring of last year, the deficit ran at less than £300 million in most months, but has already notched up £1.6 billion in the first two months of 1992. This relapse reflectsthe slowdown of overseas economies, especially Germany, rather than new trends at home. Exports were only 1.5 per cent higher in the past three months than in the previous three; imports, by comparison, were up 3 per cent.

Given that immediate cause, there is no reason to think the deterioration in trade should carry much immediate weight on the foreign exchanges, or have any implications for interest rates. The figures also look ripe for revision, not least on invisibles. Even so, it is significant that Britain can only come near to paying its way if the economy is running at a much lower rate than its main competitors'.

Deficits on this scale may be easy to finance if there is broader confidence in economic policy, but jobs are equally at risk if the economy is run at half speed or if trade deficits pile up. Either relative wages are too high, or industry is

uncompetitive in non-price terms or sterling was put into the exchange rate mechanism at too high a rate. Since the latter topic is taboo, any electoral debate is unlikely to be enlightening.

Man from the Pru knocks on the door of root and branch reform

Mick Newmarch aims to change radically the Prudential's approach to doing business.

William Kay looks at the options facing him

oday's annual results from Prudential Corporation. which operates Britain's biggest door-to-door insurance salesforce, could mark the end of the deck-clearing operation instituted by Mick Newmarch when he became chief executive nearly two years ago. In that time, he has pulled the Pru out of its painful involvement in estate agency and completed a drastic reorganisation of the 10,000-strong salesforce.

Life assurance in Britain is, however, a mature, even static, market, especially in the midst of a recession, when people are less inclined to commit themselves to avoidable spending. The group's general and assailed on all sides, from hailstones in Calgary to car thefts in Cardiff. The profits trend is still recovery, but that is due to a mixture of better management and the inevitable upturn in the investment and insur-

To a man of Mr Newmarch's mettle, that will not be enough. Aged 54, he joined the Pru in 1955 and probably has another six years to leave a lasting mark on the organisation. "I am proud of it," he says. "I admire its standards. But I'm going to be prouder of it." That is a significant statement from someone of Mr Newmarch's intense ambition to prove himself after a lifetime spent clawing his way up the corporate ladder.

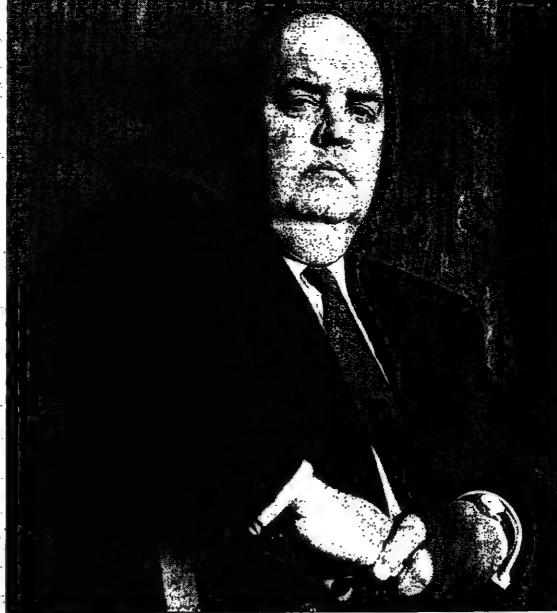
The decision to make the bulky, quick-thinking, fast-talking Newmarch chief executive was in itself a departure. In the past, the top job has gone to insurers and actuaries, rather than an investment manager. He has already made dramatic inroads into the Pru's formerly sepulchral culture, which was reinforced by the echoing gloom of its Gothic 19th-century head office in Holborn, where seemingly endless corridors led round unpredictable corners into rooms more suited to the musings of philosophy dons than tough decisions by streetwise executives. The panelled boardroom even had a special cubby-hole for the secretary to listen and record minutes of what was said without actually being able to witness the

proceedings.

Symbolically, all that is gone.

Only the shell remains, while the innards are being rebuilt to suit the modern era. Meanwhile, Mr Newmarch has made a start on an organisational refit to match that physical facelift. One of his earliest decisions was to kill the ill-starred

foray into estate agency...
On taking office, he said: The estate agency business has always been cyclical. We will again have a lively and dynamic housing market-



" Via Holborn: Mick Newmarch, chief executive, intends to take the Pru into new markets

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market will exert pressures on some of the agency players."

As it turned out, the pressures told on the Pru. It made trading losses of £82.6 million through the estate agency in 1989 and 1990, and spent another £41.3 million winding it up. Mr Newmarch confessed: "In retrospect, we can now see that this business was inappropriately managed as market conditions became much worse than anything forecast. It also became clear to us that the opportunity for Prudential to cross-sell to an estate agency-focused customer base was much less significant than had been contemplated."

That was the key to the estate agency venture. It was an attempt to solve the biggest conundrum the LLI DICES IN INTE COMUL improve distribution of products and communication with the customer. While Newmarch was taking what price he could get for the estate agencies, he tried another tack modernising the "Man from the Pru" salesforce.

The fallout seemed cataciysmic, especially for many of those who thought they were opting for the quiet life when they joined the Pru. In October 1990, Mr Newmarch launched Scenario III, an ambitious plan to divide its field staff into two tiers. A new breed of 3,000 financial consultants was to be created. They were brought back into classrooms to learn how to concentrate on providing advice and clinching sales. The rest, called customer service representatives, were confined to the worthy but lesser tasks of collecting premiums and handling customer complaints.

The changes caused widespread tensions, which surfaced at last May's annual shareholders' meeting. One employee present, Valerie Ellison, a district officers' clerk in the Frome office, said: "I used to enjoy working very much, but even I am finding the pressures pretty horrendous." Others said the increase in Mr Newmarch's salary, by 43 per cent to £544,000, had caused bitterness and resentment.

A spokesman admitted that one of the biggest internal reorganisations in the company's 140-year history, involving more than a third of its 25,000 staff, had "probably affected

morale". He commented: "The company is going through a great deal of change, and people do not welcome change because it brings

uncertainty."

The feeling lingered. In June, the salesforce voted four-to-one for disruptive action, claiming the Pru had reneged on agreements over their pensions. The National Union of Insurance Workers, which claims 90 per cent membership among the salesforce, said management had abandoned a deal to improve pensions in return for an agreement to change working practices. A com-promise was not reached until last autumn, by which time the group had forgone possibly £60 million in new annual premiums because of

The thinking behind Scenario III products are more complicated than when the man from the Pru started knocking on doors in the Twenties. Rivals use the "financial planning" approach, whereby the salesman extracts every drop of information about a client then sells a tailored portfolio of savings and insurance. That requires intensive training. Mr Newmarch was acutely con-

scious that the Pru was missing this higher margin business. The company was also failing to collect its proportionate share of the lucrative orders to be had from wealthier customers, most of whom disdain a knock at the door in favour of a discreet chat with an independent financial adviser, or IFA.

Last summer, Mr Newmarch set about wooing the IFAs with the Prudence Bond, a unitised withprofits bond that helped the group's single-premium sales to rise by a healthy £500 million to £3 billion for 1991. He is also pushing corporate pensions harder, offering a compendium of discrete products and services rather than one simple "take it or leave it" option.

one of this is designed to set the world alight. Life insurance is a mature market in Britain and is coming under increasing attack from banks, also eager to widen their sources of revenue. Roger Harvey, insurance analyst at Kleinwort Benson, said: "As the old joke goes, if I were them I wouldn't start from here. They are financially more secure than most life companies, but

One obvious expansion route is to go abroad. The Pru is already in Australia, and six years ago it made a significant American move by buying Jackson National Life, which in December paid a maiden dividend of \$100 million. True to his roots, Mr Newmarch has started to give Prudential Portfolio Managers a global base by establishing a Chicago office that took responsibility for Jackson's investments. He is also believed to be casting eyes on the Asia Pacific region which, unlike Britain, has high economic growth and a young population. He regards continental Europe as "a long-term opportunity", which may be a euphemism for a low priority. But it is hard to be rid of the syspicion that hard to be rid of the suspicion that Mr Newmarch has something more spectacular up his capacious sleeve.

At one time, the Pru was touted as a possible bidder for Midland Bank, but that is now almost certainly out court. However, a well-chosen building society's customer list would be a goldmine, while simultaneously giving the group the high street presence it craved through estate agencies. Mr Newmarch dismisses such speculation, but admits he has been trying to "develop a total strategy for the Pru", and regularly chews the fat with his team of eight

strategy experts.

Laurel Powers-Freeling, the 34year-old American from Morgan Stanley who became head of corporate strategy in January, said: "Mick is committed to a complete re-examination of how we do our business." Within a few weeks she began a review of global strategy, which should be ready in June. That will crystallise a fundamental debate over the future of the group.

Could it be too much for Mr Newmarch's sense of showmanship to be able to resist unveiling a grand new initiative from the reconstructed Holborn head office this time next year? Now that would be symbolism of a high order.

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WHATEVER the outcome of the general election, flamboyant tycoon Peter de Savary is understood to be planning a move to America. To that effect, de Savary, aged 47, has placed Littlecote House, his Elizabethan mansioncum-tourist attraction near Swindon, Wiltshire, on the market, inviting offers in the region of £6 million. For an additional £3 million, de Savary will throw in 180 acres of farmland, with planning permission for an 18hole golf course. The grade one listed manor has its own Cromwellian chapel, coach house and trout stream, and comprises nine reception rooms, an indoor swimming pool, five cottages, two flats and a fourth-century Roman chapel. De Savary bought the property - then with 80 acres from Sir David Seton Wills, the tobacco heir, for £7 million in 1985. He invested considerable sums of money. dismantling Frontier City, a replica wild west town built on an adjoining pig farm, and erected an Elizabethan theme park instead. That closed two years ago and his next venture, a £30 million scheme to turn Littlecote into an hotel, lesiure club and golf course was also unsuccessful.

Trader's placing

WILD fluctuations in the price of banking shares today should not necessarily be cause for alarm. In the runup to the "trading places" challenge on Friday, in which thousands of people will swap jobs for the day, Smith New Court is bringing in a social worker to help man its mar- meant Lotus had met another



ket-making pitch. Chris Few a market-maker on SNC's banks pitch, plans to spend the day helping people with learning difficulties. About 38,500 swapping events are due to take place, including antics by employees of the Royal Bank of Scotland who will don masks resembling Michael Fish, the BBC weatherman, for the day. The event aims to raise £15 million towards a breast cancer research centre in London.

Lotus position GUY Edwards, the former formula one driver, has been hired by the Lotus formula one team as marketing director for its sponsorship pro-gramme. Edwards, who was awarded the Queen's gallantry medal for dragging Niki Lauda, then world champion. from his blazing Ferrari at the 1976 German Grand Prix, has, for some years, handled sponsorship for Jaguar's racing programme. His association with Jaguar will continue alongside the Lotus appointment. Peter Collins. Lotus managing director, said Edwards' appointment

strategic objective in the re-structuring of its team. Ac-knowledged as the brains behind some of the biggest global sponsorship deals link-ing branded products to racing car marques, Edwards is also about to publish a book on sport sponsorship.

BURMAH Castrol is flushed with success after the £44 million disposal of businesses that once belonged to Foseco, but it is sheepish about the one left behind. It has yet to find a buyer for Celmac. Britain's largest toilet seat manufacturer.

Renold's Reynolds

IF CONFUSING the enemy is half the battle, then Renold, the chain and gear manufac-turer, is well on its way to defeating an anticipated takeover bid from TT Group, the industrial holding company. The acquisitive TT sent alarm bells ringing at Renold by snapping up a 5 per cent stake in the company. To make matters worse, Renold discovered it shared the same financial public relations adviser with TT at Walter Judd and swiftly named a replacement. The search led to Shandwick, where John Reynolds, a director, has picked up the gauntlet. His crash course in Renold's past included, as fate would have it, consultations with John Reynolds of Schroders, who acts as financial adviser to Renolds. Thus Revnolds and Reynolds declared themselves ready to defend Renold... The two Reynolds helped Devenish beat Boddington last year and they believe they can pull it off again.

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Academics who are neither objective nor reliable

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From Mr Ian Brindle

Sir, I had thought the benefit of academic opinion was that it was formulated through objective consideration of reli-able evidence. The article Watchdogs must be forced to bark" by three accountancy academics on your Accountancy Times page (March 19) spoils that belief. I would not disagree with the authors that the accounting profession has much to do properly to meet the expecta-. tions of the public. However,

Auditing regime

From the President, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales

Sir, I am writing to take up

one of the points made in the Comment column, "Spotlight on the regulators" (March 16), where you refer to the regulation of auditors. Each of the three institutes of chartered accountants was

recognised by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry as a supervisory body for auditors under the Companies Act last summer. As such, they are responsible for the regulation of almost all those firms who wish to be eligible to accept appointment as company auditors. The Minister of State at the

DTL in granting recognition to the institutes, made it clear that the new regulatory re-gime will be judged on its success in raising audit per-formance and that this requires continuing work on developing the guidelines and standards, both technical and ethical, which auditors are required to observe, and effective arrangements for identifying and dealing with those whose performance is not sat-

the authors fail to acknowledge the strenuous efforts now being made by such bodies as the Financial Reporting Council, the Accounting Standards Board and the Auditing Practices Board, all of which are making determined efforts to attack many of the problems. But, worse than that, the article is based on a series of totally incorrect and unfounded assertions.

*Auditors remain unaccountthat it would be appropriate to review the operation of the regime after two years, in the autumn of 1993.

the most extraordinary of

which is the statement that

It is important to recognise the extent to which this regime represents a radical departure from the past. For the first time, the institutes have the power of direct inspection over audit work carried out by

The institutes, the firms and the government will undoubtedly learn from the early experiences of the new regime, but in the meantime I urge commentators to resist the temptation to keep on pulling up the plant in order to examine the roots. The system needs to be given time to establish itself. Attempts to discredit it ab initio can only damage its chances of suc-

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able and none are prosecuted for delivering audits that were as worthless as they are cost-Tell that to the lawyers and the underwriters!

I think I have found the first cuckoo of spring lurking amongst the City pages — or perhaps the article was meant to appear on the first of April? TAN BRINDLE

Senior Partner. Price Waterhouse, 32 London Bridge Street,

Blotting out facts From Mr G. F. Liardet

Sir, The Liberal Democrat manifesto makes promises about air pollution monitoring. illustrating the words with a threatening, doublepage picture of a petro-chemical works, emitting huge clouds of noxious something or other and blotting out the artfully positioned sun. I wonder how the 315,000 voters in this industry will react to this libel, for those clouds are just that — water vapour!

This casual swipe is merely another expression of the widespread ignorance about, and the lack of appreciation of, manufacturing industry in Britain today. Hence its

As regards air pollution monitoring, it is already known by how many times it is more dangerous to breathe the air in Bristol city centre, for example, than in the industrial complex at Avonmouth. Let us have more facts and more rationality. Yours faithfully.

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The promotional costs payable by M&G Recovery Investment Trust P.L.C. will be 3.99% of the price of each Package Unit. This represents a fee to M&G Financial Services Limited for promoting the Company out of which it will pay all marketing

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- If you have already subscribed to a 1991/92 general PEP with a manager other than M&G you cannot invest in the M&G PEP under this offer for the current tax year.
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Underlying investment is in M&G Recovery Investment Trust

P.L.C., a new split capital investment trust with a planned life often years. The investment objective will be to provide Package Unit

holders with an attractive total return from investing in the shares

of companies which show potential for "recovery" but which are

going through a difficult period, as well as from the income

The Manager will continually seek new holdings to replace those

where the prospects of recovery appear to have been fulfilled

or where they seem to have been ill-founded. The Company's portfolio will be managed by M&G Investment Management

Limited along similar lines to the existing M&G Recovery unit trust.

Package Units are being offered by the Company at 100p each.

Each Package Unit will consist of one Zero Dividend Preference

Investment in the Package Unit will equate to investing in an

ordinary share in an investment trust without a split capital

structure. Package Units are designed to offer investors capital

growth and growing income over the life of the Company. The initial forecast annual gross dividend yield at the offer price of

New Investors If you have not already subscribed to a general

PEP for the 1991/92 tax year you can put between £1,000 and

£6,000 of Package Units in the M&G PEP. You must apply be-

Remember this opportunity closes at 2.00p.m. on 27th March

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note that investments can only be made in multiples of £1,000.

Existing PEP Holders With effect from 3rd April 1992

condition 22(6)(a) of the PEP Terms and Conditions is amended

to that contained in this advertisement. If you already have an

M&G PEP which was not introduced through a financial adviser,

Income Dividends from M&G Recovery Investment Trust P.L.C.

will be paid quarterly. In addition, there will be four tax repayments

from the inland Revenue each year. You can choose either to have

all of these paid automatically into your bank account or to have

them reinvested in further Package Units of M&G Recovery

Initial Charge There is no initial charge for the PEP.

Investment Trust P.L.C., thus enhancing the value of your PEP.

Share, one Income Share and one Capital Share.

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M&G will be sending you a special form.

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The M&G New PEP allows investors to invest up to £6,000 NOW for the 1992/93 tax year.

It is designed for people who are looking for a good long term investment free of all income and capital gains taxes. You are eligible if you are over 18 and resident in the UK for tax purposes. A husband and wife can each apply.

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This form must be received before 5th April 1992 at Planned Savings Department, M&G Financial Services Limited, M&G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. I wish to withdraw my application for an M&G Personal Equity Plan. Title: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other

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Underlying investment is in M&G Recovery Investment Trust P.L.C., a new split capital investment trust with a planned life of ten years. The investment objective will be to provide Package Unit holders with an attractive total return from investing in the shares of companies which show potential for "recovery" but which are going through a difficult period, as well as from the income produced from those shares.

The Manager will continually seek new holdings to replace those where the prospects of recovery appear to have been fulfilled or where they seem to have been ill-founded. The Company's portfolio will be managed by M&G investment Management Limited along similar lines to the existing M&G Recovery unit trust.

Package Units are being offered by the Company at 100p each. Each Package Unit will consist of one Zero Dividend Preference Share, one income Share and one Capital Share.

investment in the Package Unit will equate to investing in an ordinary share in an investment trust without a split capital structure. Package Units are designed to offer investors capital growth and growing income over the life of the Company. The initial forecast annual gross dividend yield at the offer price of 100p is 5%.

New investors You can put between £1,000 and £6,000 of Package Units in the M&G PEP for the 1992/93 tax year. You

must apply between 2nd and 27th March 1992. If you already have a general PEP with a manager other than M&G In the 1991/92 tax year you can still apply up to the maximum of £6,000 for the 1992/93 tax year.

Remember this opportunity closes at 2.00p.m. on 27th March 1992 after which date applications will not be accepted. Please note that investments can only be made in multiples of £1,000. Existing PEP Holders With effect from 3rd April 1992 condition 22(6)(a) of the PEPTerms and Conditions is amended to that contained in this advertisement. If you already have an M&G PEP which was not introduced through a financial adviser, M&G

will be sending you a special form. Income Dividends from M&G Recovery Investment Trust P.L.C. will be paid quarterly. In addition, there will be four tax repayments from the Inland Revenue each year. You can choose either to have all of these paid automatically into your bank account; or to have them reinvested in further Package Units of M&G Recovery Investment Trust P.L.C., thus enhancing the value of your PEP. Initial Charge There is no initial charge for the PEP. The promotional costs payable by M&G Recovery investment Trust

P.L.C. will be 3.99% of the price of each Package Unit. This

represents a fee to M&G Financial Services Limited for promoting the Company out of which it will pay all marketing costs and

If you choose the reinvestment option, there will be a charge of 5% plus VAT deducted from the sum reinvested.

Annual Charge M&G Recovery Investment Trust P.L.C. pays an annual investment management fee to M&G investment Management Limited of 0.75% plus VAT and a custodian fee, estimated to be 0.015% plus VAT, to Clydesdale Bank P.L.C.; both calculated on the net assets of the Company. M&G PEP holders pay an additional annual management charge of 0.25% plus VAT

to M&G Financial Services Limited How to Apply for the M&G PEP Complete the PEP application form and send it with your cheque or banker's draft to be received no later than 2.00p.m. on 27th March, 1992 at National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department, PO Box 663, Hartcliffe Way, Hartcliffe, Bristol BS99 1XU. Applications received

after that date will be returned. Cashing in your Plan You can sell all or part of your holdings at any time by sending written instructions to us. If we receive your instructions before 11.00a.m. the Package Units will be sold in the market at about 2.30p.m. that day at the market price. Instructions received after 11.00a.m. will be treated as received on the following business day. Reinvestment of these proceeds

within your M&G PEP is not possible. Further Information We will write to you confirming your investment towards the end of April. You will receive the annual and half yearly Report and Accounts of the Company when they are published. Twice each year we send you a statement and valuation of your Plan made up to 5th April and 5th October.

Prices of Package Units will be quoted in the Financial Times. The price of shares and Package Units and the income from them can go down as well as up. You may not get back the amount you invested. The value to you of the tax benefits of a PEP will depend on your own circumstances. The tax regime of PEPs could change

Your rights as a planholder are defined by the Terms and Conditions of the M&G Personal Equity Plan set out in this

The Plan Manager is M&G Financial Services Limited, a member of IMRO, M&G House, Victoria Road, Chalmsford CMI 1FB. Telephone (0245) 266266.

M&G Investment Management Limited is a member of IMRO. M&G Securities Limited, the manager of the unit trust referred to, is a member of IMRO and Lautro.

HOTES FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE MAG NEW 1992/93 £6,000 PEP APPLICATION FORM

Anyone eligible for a PEP can invest up to the run explosion in a 1992/93 M&G PEP under this offer, but if you have existing direct debit arrangements for a general PEP with a manager other than M&G you will have to concel those arrangements.

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 b) You authorise National Westroinster Bank PLC to send a document of title for the member of Package Units allotted to you to M&G Financial Services Limited and procure that M&G Financial Services Limited as placed on the register of members of the Company in respect of such Package Units with affect from 6th April 1992.

 Your cheque or banker's draft for this application must be made payable to "MATIONAL WESTAINISTER BANK PLC A/C M&G OFFER" and prossed "NOT NE GOTTABLE"

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Your dividends and tax credits will be reinvested automatically in your Plan unless you want them paid direct to your bank account in which case please indicate "Y" in this

To M&G Recovery investment Trust P.L.C. Units (see note 3 above) in M&G Recovery investment Trust P.L.C. at the price of £1 per Package Unit on the Terms and Conditions of Application set out in the fishing particulars dated 14th February, 1992 (as such Terms and Conditions are varied and

I enclose my cheque or banker's Greft made payable to 'National Westminster Bank PLC A/C M&G Offer;' crossed 'Not Negotiable.'

I hereby renounce on 6th April 1982 (subject to revocation before that date), the Package Units to M&G Financial Services Limited to hold in my PEP. I wish to make a subscription to my existing M&G PEP for the tax year ending 5th April 1993 or, if I do not have such a plan then I wish to open an M&G PEP for the tax year ending 5th April, 1993.

I am aged 18 years or over. (b) I am resident and ordinarity resident in the UK for tax purposes or, though non-resident, perform duties which by virtue of Section 132(4)(e) of the Taxes Act (Crown Employees serving overseas) are treated as being performed in the United

I have not subscribed to any other general Personal Equity Plan in or for the tax year ending 5th April 1993 nor any future

(d) I will not subscribe to any other general Personal Equity Plan for any tax year for which I subscribe or shall subscribe to this Plan

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I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the above information is true and correct. 1992 Signature Professional Advisor MEG Rel No

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THE M&G NEW £6,000 PEP FOR 1992/93

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(Incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act 1985 with registered number 2682172)

Offer for Subscription of Package Units at 100p

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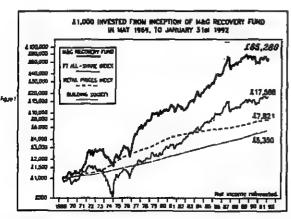
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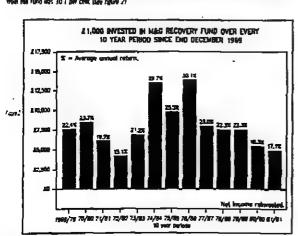
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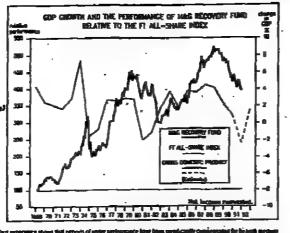
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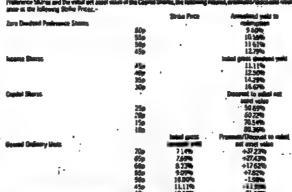
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Changes eat profit at Brent Chemicals

By MARTIN BARROW

BRENT Chemicals International, which issued a profit warning in January, eight weeks after a £15.6 million rights issue, saw taxable profits fall 60 per cent last year.

Pre-tax profits fell to £8.4 million (£13 million) after an exceptional restructuring charge of £3.16 million. Earnings fell to 2.9p a share (13.4p), leaving uncovered the maintained dividend of 7.34p, including an unchanged final of 5.8p. The shares, 160p a year ago, rose

executive, said that dividend cover was eroded by the impact of the exceptional charge, which under former accountancy guidelines would have been treated as an extraordinary charge. "We expect to maintain this level of dividend and obviously hope to increase it as soon as conditions improve," he said.

Although sales rose to £100 million (£89.7 million). helped by acquisitions, trading profits fell to £7.96 milion (£10.6 million). Earnings were further eroded by a decline in investment income

P-E maintains payout

P-E International, the management and computer con-sultant, is maintaining its dividend despite suffering a 61.5 per cent fall in full-year profits (Philip Pangalos writes). Pre-tax profits fell to £1.62 million (£4.21 million)

in the year to end-December. The decline was exacerbated by higher interest costs of £404,000 (£207,000) and an

exceptional charge of £541,000, arising from re-dundancy costs. Turnover rose 6 per cent to £68.8 million. Gearing increased from

6 per cent to 22 per cent. The final dividend is being maintained at 4.2p, giving shareholders an unchanged total of 6.2p for the year. Earnings fell from 15p to from £2.39 million to £441,000, although the company ended the year with net cash of £10.5 million (£10.8 Mr Cuthbert said: "We

have made considerable progress in the last three years to focus our businesses on markets with good long-term growth potential. We were disappointed by the poor demand experienced in the last two months of 1991, although this has been alleviated by a stronger performance in the first two months of this year."

Profits from Brent's inclustrial businesses fell to £5.12 million (£7.62 million), showing the impact of difficult trading conditions in metal finishing, aerospace and elec-

The integration of the recently acquired Chemicals Way Corporation, of America, and Hebro Chemie GmbH, of Germany, will reduce exposure to depressed British markets. Packaging. including inks, coatings and pre-press services, earned £4 million, up from £3.4 million.



Packet Company, the ferry group where Norman Corlett, the chairman (above). and his board are under threat of a renewed bid from Sea Containers, had a record year in 1991, raising pre-tax profits from E3.3 million to E4.1 million. David Dixon, managing director, said Steam Packet reversed a ten-year downward trend by raising its share of pas-senger arrivals on scheduled services

for 1992 are rosier than the depths of the recession might suggest," said Mr Dixon. "Our passenger business is continning to grow beyond the highest levels achieved early last year and freight carryings are holding up well, with the Isle of Man appearing so far to have

escaped the worst of the recession."

Steam Packet operated fewer ships and achieved higher load factors, and

the upgrading of the fleet continued with a £1 million refit of the King Orry ferry. Turnover rose from £22.4 million

to £24.11 million and trading profits from £3.53 million to £4.33 million.

Barnings rose from 19.3p to 23.6p a share. A final 7p dividend makes 10p for the year, against 8p. Sea Containers, which owns 41 per cent of Steam Packet, was freed to rebid for the company in January after a three-mouth standstill.

Hongkong Land advances

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HONGKONG Land, the colony's biggest landlord, has revealed an 11 per cent rise in 1991 profits and plans to shift its primary listing to London, in line with the rest of the Jardine Matheson indee

After-tax profits rose to US\$298.1 million, from \$267.7 million in 1990, and were further boosted by an extraordinary gain of \$115.8 million from the sale of com-mercial buildings outside the central business district.

Earnings increased 10 per cent to 11.58 cents a share. and a final dividend of 6.15 cents per share will be paid, making a total of 9 cents, up 9 per cent

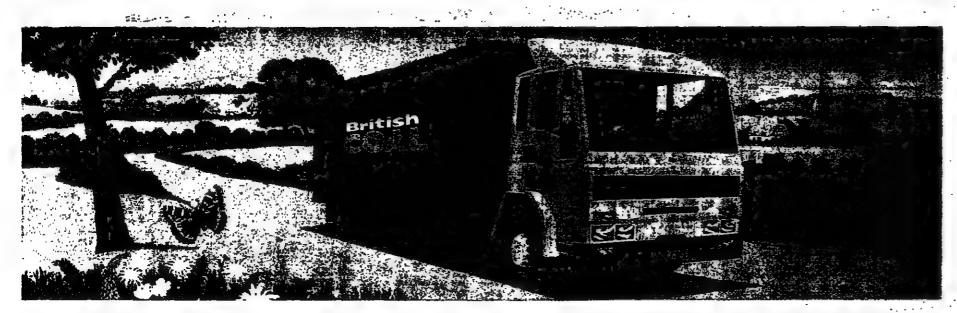
The figures, at the upper end of market expectations, showed the company's earnings growth was slowing because of soft rentals and an oversupply of office blocks. Simon Keswick, the chairman, said: "Capacity for earnings growth in 1992 is likely to be limited."

The company has a low gearing, with net borrowings at the year end of about \$350 million, or 8 per cent of shareholders' funds.

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Redundancy set to follow rise in overcapacity

THE European Commission's latest industrial survey reveals increasing overcapac-ity throughout the EC and growing numbers of com-panies considering laying off

The figures, which are for January, show that the Community's industry was operating at only 80.5 per cent of capacity, compared with 81.4 per cent a year earlier. Nowhere was the situation gloomier than in Britain, where 48 per cent of respondents said their capacity was "more than sufficient" to meet any rise in demand.

The survey, compiled by the commission's Eurostat agen-

cy, also found a 25 per cent year-on-year increase in the number of companies planning lay-offs, although there is no country-by-country

breakdown. ☐ The French motor industry claims there has been an upturn in European car sales. Figures from 17 BC and European Free Trade Association countries revealed a sales jump of about 3 per cent in February compared with a year earlier. There were 1.12 million new registrations in February: combined with January, the figure is 2.35 million, a 2.2 per cent increase from the first two months of last year.

No recovery, however, is evident in Britain, where sales slipped 8.6 per cent in January and February, with 263,000 new registrations. The biggest increases were in Spain (up 29.7 per cent) and in Belgium and Luxembourg, up by a fifth. The Volkswagen group consolidated its position as Europe's biggest seller, with 390,000 registrations in the two months. Peugeot-Citroën fell to third place, behind Fiat.

EC environment ministers meet in Brussels today to consider controversial draft rules from the commission on movement of toxic waste. Commission sources say the rules would allow export of waste from the Community only to other OECD countries capable of processing it under the terms of the Basel convention, which sets out minimum safety requirements.

Greenpeace and eastern European governments, however, say this is a sham; Greenpeace last week accused Brussels of "toxic colographs of a mercury repro-cessing plant in South Africa run by Thor Chemicals, a British company that receives

half of its waste mercury from the EC. Greenpeace has presented the cases of five Zuiu workers it claims have severe mercury poisoning: if successful in winning damages for the five, the group says it will take action against Thor in British courts. Greenpeace figures show that Germany is the world's largest exporter of toxic waste: its 520,000 tons a year compare with 150,000 tons

exported by America. Green-peace maintains that the draft rules will not quell the "not-in-my-back-yard" attitude that leads EC governments to turn a blind eye to illegal waste shipments. Last week, a ship carrying shredded and poisonous car parts from Germany was turned away by Egyptian port au-thorities after a tip off from The Netherlands; the whereabouts of the ship and its

cargo are no longer known. The commission says the new rules will maintain the ban on exporting waste to African, Caribbean and Pacific states linked to the Community through the Lome convention, and will tighten

up movements within the EC. The ministers will also examine plans by Carlo Ripa di Means, the environment commissioner, to phase out chloro-fluorocarbons, and a directive establishing uniform levels of sulphur in diesel. The commission wants a two-stage programme to reduce sulphur dioxide emis-sions and cut acid rain levels. Glaxo, the British pharmaceuticals group, will probably learn this week whether the commission is to investigate its pricing, after a com-plaint from Denmark. Enc Larsen, the Danish health minister, alleges that the cost of two Glaxo drugs, Imigran and Serevent, "threaten the development of an EC health policy'. The commission is studying an independent report claiming that drugs companies restrict sales of drugs to wholesalers to prevent undercutting by "parallel imports". The commission's decision on Glaxo could be a pointer to future

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Frances Gibb looks at women in the judiciary and below, a report on women solicitors

Let more women judge

promoted to the mostly male ranks of High Court judges.
The appointment of Ann Ebsvorth, previously a circuit judge and crown court recorder, nakes four women judges out of a total of 111 in the while of the High Court and Court of Appeal.

The shortage of women in the senior judiciary is worse that a decade ago when three of 3 High Court judges were wonen, compared with three of 14 now. No woman has a law lord. There is eve been a law lord. There is ont woman, Lord Justice But-ler-Sloss, in the Court of Ameal, three in the High Court and 21 out of 446

ciruit judges. Yet the circuit bench has for 15 years been open to the

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h time, it is said, more wonen will filter through to the higher levels. Though wonen still make up only about a fifth of the Bar's 6,900 menbers, they form almost hal of the new entrants. Hower, women still do not apply for the lower judicial poss. The Lord Chancellor's department, which has tried unsuccessfully to boost the numbers of women on the cir-

ships, the lowest rung on the ', judicial ladder.

Last week, the Bar announced new research to remedy sex discrimination. Questionnaires will go to barristers to find out whether women are disadvantaged. The survey will cover obtaining pupillages or tenancies, treatment in provide for maternity leave. and whether women are forced into special categories of work such as crime and family law. Recommendations will follow. The initiative is being taken by a new perma-nent committee of the Bar Council, specially created to tackle sex discrimination.

The plight of women came to a head at the Bar with a 15 years been open to the grater pool of women solicitos, although the higher judcial ranks, now to be opened up under government referms, have been restricted to ne Bar.

httme, it is said, more reluctance by chamber to consider more fiexible arrange-

ments for working mothers.

As Anthony Scrivener, QC, put it when he was Bar chairman last year, "Women must have the same oportunity as men to succeed at the Bar on medit. They can expect no favours and need none. But they have the right to be treated on an equal footing with the men, not disadvantaged because they have children."



Ann Ebsworth, fourth woman judge of 111 in the High Court and Court of Appeal







Leading law women: Barbara Mills, left, soon to be Director of Public Prosecutions; Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, of the Court of Appeal, and Helena Kennedy, a leading QC

A democracy should not ban information

rape victim from travelling to England for an abortion. The court explained that it had made the decision because of the risk that the girl might commit suicide.

Today in Strasbourg, the European Court of Human Rights is to hear argument in another Irish abortion case. The issue is whether it is a breach of the European Convention on Human Rights for Irish law to prohibit organisations that counsel pregnant women from providing information about the identity and location of abortion clinics outside the Irish Republic.

The decision of the European Court will have an important effect on the scope of freedom of expression

throughout Europe. If a pregnant woman in the republic wished to consider an abortion, arrangements were made by the counselling services to refer her to appropriate medical clinics in Britain. In March 1988, the Irish Supreme Court held that these activities were in breach of the constitution. Article 10 of the European

Convention requires that any interference with freedom of information must be "prescribed by law" and "necessary in a democratic society". In March 1991, the European Commission of Human Rights, the lower judicial body, concluded, by eight votes to five, that the injunction was not "prescribed by law" as the content of Irish law was unclear before the

supreme court's judgment. The European Court is unlikely to follow

this conclusion. The commission's reasoning was unconvincing on the foreseeability test, and the decision was unhelpful in failing to give guidance on the legality of a ban on the provision of such information in the future, now that the content of Irish law is known. In a line of cases, the European Court has affirmed the fundamental importance of

freedom of expression. As the court most recently explained in the judgment on *The* Sunday Times and Spycatcher last November, "freedom of expression constitutes one of the essential foundations of a democratic

THE Irish Supreme Court last month lifted an injunction that had prevented a teenage narrowly interpreted and the necessity for any restrictions must be convincingly

The court is likely to follow the approach adopted in the separate, and powerfully reasoned, opinion of Sir Basil Hall, the commission's UK member. He explained why the Irish ban was not "necessary in a

democratic society". The applicant organisations were not advocating abortion. They were providing objective information about reliable and lawful services in the UK. Such information would in any event be available to well

informed members of Irish society, through books and magazines, so the ban was likely to affect only poorer women.

.Sir Basil noted that the sion indicated that the injunction had not reduced the numbers of Irish women having abortions in Britain, but had resulted in those women travelling at a later stage in their pregnancy and fewer women were having the re-quired medical checks after returning to the republic. So the judgment of the Irish

Supreme Court did not advance any interests of the foetus, but was damaging to COUNSEL the health and welfare of Irish DAVID

There is no justification for PANNICK trying to deny citizens access to Information that may be vital to the protection of their own

health. The right to free movement within Europe is impeded when a state tries to keep secret details of lawful activities in other member states of the Council of Europe. Article 10 states that it applies "regardless of

In 1975, the US Supreme Court held that it was a breach of the First Amendment to the US Constitution for Virginia to punish people for providing truthful information within its borders about abortion services available in New York. The European Court should come to the same conclusion about the similar efforts of the Irish republic. The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford

Why women's legal talents are going to waste

will le women. Ten years after being admitted to the roll, four out of ten will have left the profesion, compared with one in ter men. Male partners will out-rumber their female counterparts by two to one. Today, 87.7 per cent of partners in

solictors' firms are men. Tiese figures, from the Law Socity's annual statistical report, highlight a huge waste in human resources, coupled with reluctance to allow, or helt, women to the top.

The problem was first spotted in a 1988 Law Society report, "Equal in the Law which noted that although moe women were entering the profession, a "significant and alarming number are temporarily retiring from it after a few years," mainly to have children. There are no figures on the numbers of wonen returning to practice.

The report urged the society to sponsor refresher and returning coarses for women. But the recommendation remans unimplemented, although the Association of Women Solicitors (AWS) runs annual residential course for women returners. The College of law has also introduced a disance-learning course for returners, based on the Law Society finals course. Professional up-dating courses are also a new development, such as Leicester University's 12week returner course for

wonien lawyers. Four years on, what are law firms doing? Last year, Quarry Doggali, recruitment consultank piblished a report

hen law students which found that firms are take their solicitors' finals this summer, half the successful candidates which found that firms are starting to introduce piecemest policies for women with family commitments, but that meal policies for women with family commitments, but that they did no more than "tweak"

> enhanced maternity benefits. For the statutory period of maternity leave, 40 weeks, Freshfields pays its female employees full pay for 18 weeks and half pay for the halfware of 22 mages. balance of 22 weeks.

Others, such as Denton Hall, prefer to offer a loyalty bonus equivalent to a percentage of leaving salary.
In big City firms the "mummy track" has evolved. None

of the firms has part-time fee-A regional firm

is the first to organise a day nursery

earning partners but Freshfields appointed its first parttime, non-fee-earning partner last year to head its professional support department. Freshfields and Clifford Chance stipulate that a parttime assistant solicitor, a post that includes working fixed hours, is no longer eligible for partnership. People may re-join the partnership track when they return to full-time work, but there are no exam-

ples of this happening. Linkiaters does not bar parttimers from partnership, but has not yet created a partner working flexible hours. These firms have recently expanded their professional support de-

lawyers provide research back-up to fee earners. Women who request a more flexible working package are encouraged to the problem. move across to this work; City firms have introduced invariably they then leave the

> In smaller firms, there are more women partners working flexible hours: Bindmans, the legal aid practice, was one of the first to have women

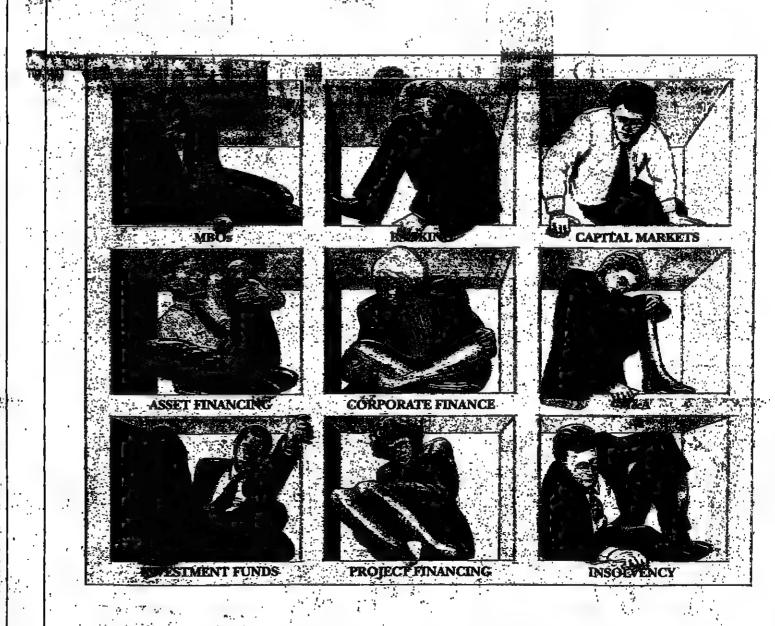
Masons, a firm specialising in construction law, has flexible arrangements at partner-ship and assistant solicitor level. One part-time assistant solicitor has been made a [salaried] partner. Masons has also set up MAMA, Mothers at Masons Association, a sup-port group for all staff with family commitments.

Bevan Ashford, one of the biggest regional firms, was the first law firm to set up a day

Margaret Bennett, the chairwoman of the Equity Partners Group, a sub-ton-mittee of the AWS, wants to find out what policies the major law firms are adopting on maternity/paternity leave, re-training schemes and flexible working hours. Her committee plans to raise £10,000. in sponsorship from a leading law firm to draw up a system-

atic questionnaire.
As for women's future position, she argues that considering that women have entered the profesion in large numbers only in the past decade, they have made remarkable progress. Law firms may, she acknowledges, need a little belp to see the light.

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Aid tactic

THE Scottish Bar is as worried about legal aid as its English counterparts. Alan Johnston, QC, the Dean of Faculty, has reluctantly accepted the government's proposed 5 per cent increase this year -2 per cent more than the legal aid increase for lawyers south helpline to protect against of the border. The election has

derailed Mr Johnston's campaign for a radical re-think on legal aid levels, but he has not lost sight of the need for rates to be reviewed and for a "major alteration" of the system's structure. He also advocates the introduction of a standard fee for certain cases. He helieves the Treasury will push for an identical system of legal aid north and south of the border and will not give more money, hence his focus

on savings.
"I think," he says, "that this has more chance of bearing fruit than an approach that simply seeks to increase rates."

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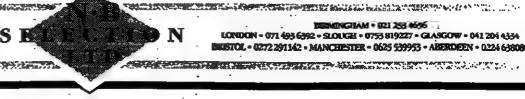
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Asset-freezing injunction rarely appropriate against banks

Polly Peck taternational pic v Nadir and Others

Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Scott

Judgment March 19] Given the nature of a bank's ordinary course of business, in particular in reducing assets by repaying its depositors, and the need for public confidence for its continued existence, circumstances would have to be unusual ior a Mareva, asset-freezing. infunction to be made against it. The Court of Appeal so stated

allowing an appeal by the fourth defendant, Central Bank of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, from Mr Justice Millett ho had granted a Mareva injunction in respect of the central bank's assets within the juris-diction limited to a specified amount on the application of the plaintiff, Polly Peck International plc, in support of its claims against, inter allos, the central bank, such claims being brought at the direction of its joint

In discharging the Mareva the bank should place a sum representing the plaintiffs trac-ing claim in a separate account and should be restrained from dealing with that fund otherwise than in the normal course of pusiness and unless and to the extent that there were no other funds in England available to be

The bank was also required to Inform the plaintiff's solicitors in advance of any use proposed to be made of that sum and at the same

time to give details of all foreign currency reserves for the time being held within the jurisdiction.

Mr Philip Heslop, QC and Mr Richard Millett for the bank: Mr Robin Potts. QC, Mr Leslie Kosmin and Miss Sandra Bristoll for Polly Peck.

LORD JUSTICE SCOTT said that the first defendant, Mr Asil Nadir, had acquired the controlling interest in Polly Peck in about 1980 and was at all material times since then its chief executive. It was claimed that he controlled and directed the movement of funds of Polly Peck and

The fifth defendant, Kibris Endustri Bankasi Ltd (IBK). carried on the business of a bank. was incorporated in Northern Cynrus and was controlled by Mr

The Central Bank acted as central bank for Northern Cyprus central bank for non-merit cypica-tory role and powers expected for a central bank of a sovereign state, although one not recog-

nised by the UK.

Under local law every bank within the territory had to be authorised to carry on business by the central bank and to ensure its liquidity had to hold at least 20 per cent of its foreign currency reserves with the central bank. IBK had maintained a bank account with the central bank in Northern Cyprus at all material

Polly Peck had claimed against Mr Nadir and against IBK in respect of misapplication of the funds of Polly Peck amounting in total to £378 million and £142

the claim against IBK was that between 1987 and 1990 funds of Polly Peck, totalling £142 million were transfered to the account of IBK at Midland Bank International in London from whence they were transfered or paid out or applied otherwise than for the proper purposes of Polly Peck.
The claim against the bank related to £44,987 million of the

Over the period IBK trans-ferred that sum from its account at Midland Bank International to the central bank's account at the Midland in exchange for a corresponding sum in Turkish lira, or in nine instances, in sterling credited to IBK's account with the central bank in Northern Cyprus. It was not clear from the

those sums. that that scheme was at best in breach of fiduciary duties owed by Mr Nadir to Polly Peck and at worst a dishonest means of divert-ing Polly Peck's hunds to improper purposes. For the purposes of the application and the appeal

evidence what finally became of

that was accepted.
The administrators contended that the central bank either had actual knowledge that the funds in question derived from Polly Peck and were being improperty diverted, or that the circumstances put the central bank on enquiry that that was so. The central bank had made no enquiries but simply accepted and acted on IBK's instructions for the purchase of the lira and for the crediting of the sums to IBK's account in Northern Cyprus.
Polly Peck's main point was its

mestion until their true ownership could be determined and different considerations would arise from those applying to Mareva injunctions

It was common ground that the central bank did not receive any part of the 644 million as volunteer. It received the money. apart from the sterling transfers for the purpose of foreign exchange transactions. It was cred-Peck had to establish. iting IBK with Turkish lira in For present purposes on the faces before the court the question

Northern Cyprus in exchange for sterling in London. Receipt of trust money by a bona fide purchaser for value without notice of the breach of trust barred any equitable tracing remedy. Mr Potts accepted that

beginning of March a supple-

mentary tracing case had been put forward: that if equipable

tracing rules were applied to the f44 million a much lesser sum

still stood to the credit of the

It followed that actual or constructive knowledge on the part of the central bank of the trust character of the funds received from IBK and of the impropriety of the transfers was as much a requirement of the tracing claims as of the constructive trust claim. There was, however, an impor-tant difference. Equitable tracing led to a claim of a proprietar character. A fund was identifie

that in equity was regarded as a fund belonging to the claimant. The constructive trust claim in the present action was not a claim to any fund in specie. It was a to any time in specie. It was a claim to monetary compensation. The only relevant interlocatory protection that could be sought in aid of a money claim was a Mareva injunction.

But if identifiable assets were claimed, the interlocatory relief

sought would not be a Mareva

His Lordship reviewed the allegations made in the constructive trust claim of actual knowledge or alternatively of constructive knowledge and considered the degree of knowledge on the part of the central bank which Polly

was whether a fair arguable case had been shown that the central bank must have realised that the funds were Polly Peck's funds and must have been suspicious that the funds were being misapplied. His Lordship concluded that overall, without the benefit of hindsight, the knowledge of the central bank that Polly Peck group were via 1BK each anging substantial same of stelling in

substantial sums of sterling in London for Turkish lira in Northern Cyprus was not calculated to give the central bank cause to suspect improprieties and did not put them on enquiry as to wheth-

er or not there were improprieties.
The case as shown by the evidence as it stood now was speculative and depended for its success on something emerging success on something emerging that east suspicion on the bank and its bona fides.

With regard to the tracing claim, Polly Peck had to prove knowledge on the part of the central bank, actual or constructive as the case might be. The degree of knowledge was that required on the constructive trast claim. It followed that his Lord-

ship's conclusions on that claim applied also to the tracing claim. A Mareva injunction ought not to interfere with the ordinary course of business of the defen-dant, nor was it intended to give the plaintiff security in advance of judgment. It was merely intended to prevent the defendant from defeating the plaintiff's chances of recovery by dissipating or se-

creting away assets.

That principle made the grant of a Mareva injunction against a bank carrying on normal business very difficult. A Mareva unction ought never to prevent a defendant from paying his credition their due debts. A bank had to repay its depositors in accordance with the terms on which the deposits were held.

Roughly 60 per cent of the central bank's deposits were held in London and were accordingly frozen by the Mareva injuncnon. The evidence impelled the conclusion that the injunction seriously had interfered with the central bank's normal manner of

A trial in such a complex action as the present had to be a long way ahead. To maintain the Mareva injunction meantime would be likely to inflict irreparable harm on the bank.

If the injunction were lifted, his Lordship accepted that it was possible that a judgment obtained by Polly Peck would be

However, on balance the Mareva injunction should be discharged because (i) Polly Peck's present claim against the central bank was no more than speculative, and (ii) it was wrong in principle to grant a Mareva

injunction so as, before liability the normal course of the defendant's business.

To impose a Mareva injunction that would have that effect. in order to protect a cause of action that was no more than speculative, was not simply wrong in principle but positively unfair But an interlocutory injunction

to preserve the sum subject to the tracing claim pending trial would be appropriate, not on principles applicable to the Mareva jurisdiction, but on the basis prescribed by American Cyanamid Co v Ethicon Ltd ([1975] AC 396).

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, agreeing, said that the special problem arising in the case of a Mareva injunction being granted against a defendant bank was rooted in the fact that the bank's stock in trade was ney borrowed from depositors. In the case of a trading com-

pany there was no difficulty in leaving it free to trade on the footing that, in so far as it sold its stock, it would be required either to preserve the proceeds of sale or to use them to buy other stock to which the injunction would

In the case of a bank, in so far

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as it was called on to repay its depositors, there would be no proceeds of sale and its assets. hough not its net assets, would thereby be reduced. That reduc-tion would, however, be in the ordinary course of its business and it would be contrary to the principles governing Mareva in-junctions to seek to prevent it. There was a further problem

special to banks lying in the extent to which all banking business was fundamentally dependent on the maintenance of confidence by its customers Banking business was only viable

if withdrawals to a greater or lesser extent were balanced by fresh deposits Any order which could produce a situation in which there was a run on the bank would be inimi

cal to the purposes for which the Mareva jurisdiction existed. In the present case, subject to the fact that under local law other banks were required to maintain certain levels of deposit with the central bank, there was no reason why they should continue to make deposits with the central bank if by doing so they risked becoming competing creditors with the plaintiff in a foreign jurisdiction.

It would furthermore be in the ordinary course of the central bank's business in depositing funds to take account not only of competing interest rates, but also of whether depositing funds in one country rather than another would be more likely to retain the confidence of its depositors. An insunction which inhibited the bank from taking account of such considerations would be contrary

His Lordship was not to be taken as saying that a Mareva injunction could never be granted against a bank, but the circumstances would have to be unusual, His Lordship agreed with the orders proposed by Lord Justice

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Edward Fennell reports on the lawyers taking a leading role in sponsoring advice centres to give guidance on business opportunities on the Continent

Tunnel vision of European future

was formally opened this week, owes most of its backing to Penningtons, the City firm of lawyers, working with the county council, the National Westminster Bank and the accountancy firm KPMG Peat Marwick.

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The opening coincides with European Week for Business, which started yesterday but could be lost in the hurly-burly of the election. In a county obsessed by the Channel tunnel, however, much is being made of this initiative. The new centre, partfunded by the European Commission, will plug a gap in the local availability of information and guidance about opportunties in the

Kent, probably more than any other region, has seized the Euro-pean initiative. In particular, it has

Nord-Pas de Calais and the local government authority in the south of Belgium. By going into Kenf. Penningtons believes it has linked itself with one of the newly emergent "Euro regions". Will businesses in Kent have

their horizons widened sufficiently to take advantage of their promis-ing geographical position? Chris-Dormer, the county council's assistant director of economic development, admirs that Kent is parochial by tradition. In any case, if people feel adventurous, they need only go to London to seek their fortunes. Now that the Channel tunnel and the single market are looming. however, planners are trying to persuade local enterprise that the time has come to look south and east to the 300 million people

well-informed, up-to-date legal

ment. It will be hard at first to know where to start selling into Europe without talking first to the lawyers. Although Penningtons tends to concentrate on small to mediumsized enterprises it realises that European Community law expertise is essential to its service.

The firm has opened an office in Brussels and is a member of the European Law Group, one of the oldest cross-border associations of The link with Kent's new Euro-

pean Information Centre will see

Penningtons supporting seminars

and other information sessions and giving basic advice to individual potential clients. Michael Nathanson, the Penningtons partner behind the scheme. says: "It gives the firm great

information but once we start talking about individual transactions, we will start charging fees."
Turner Kenneth Brown is just
nearing the end of its three-year mation Centre in Reading, Berk-

to serve its local high-tech industry clients. "We decided to back the centre in Reading because it was a worthwhile thing to do in itself and because we were building our links with the EC." says Chris Green, the firm's marketing director. Sponsor-

people in Reading now know about us because of the centre."

Mr Green admits that the connection has brought in relatively few solid clients. The biggest users of the centre's services are smaller

not be able to afford the services of a small that it needs the help of a centre, will it ever be a suitable client for big London firms? Penningtons now has a chance to

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unveiling of the citizen's charter, which embodied the principles of "transparency and openness" and "freedom of information", according to Francis Maude, the treasury minister. These principles, he promised would be vigorously pursued. John Major reiterated his determination to tackle these issues in a recent meeting with Conservative back-

Unfortunately, when pre-sented a few weeks ago with an opportunity to demonstrate the government's new-found determination on freedom of information, Tim Renton, the minister for the civil service, lapsed into backsliding, describing Archy Kirkwood's Freedom of Information Bill as "excessive", "unnecessary" and, somewhat bizarrely, impracticable to men and women of good will".

Mr Kirkwood's bill would have created a public right of access to records of govern-ment departments and public authorities, although informa-tion harmful to interests such as defence, law enforcement or privacy would not be disclosed. In opposing such a right,

Secrecy endemic despite charter

Do government proposals to unlock information go far enough?

Mr Renton was unequivocal. "Open government", he said, is about the voluntary creation by the government of the conditions for an informed democracy." For a nation of people still legally defined as subjects rather than citizens, this attitude is not new. But the government commitment to even limited voluntary disclosure of information and selected rights of access could be

ment's record, the minister cited assistance given to the 1990 Access to Health Records Bill (now an Act), also introduced by Mr Kirkwood. Interestingly, the government's 'assistance" was not viewed in such a favourable light at the

ing progress, playing partin-mentary games and trying to kill the bill in procedural

trickery.

Far from being an isolated incident, conduct of this sort is endemic. The temptation to svoid criticism by distorting or withholding the truth almost invariably outweighs any inclination towards full disclosure.

Recent research by the Cam-paign for Freedom of Infor-mation has revealed how pervasive secrecy is. Confidentialinformation includes the names of British slaughterhouses that lost their licences to export to European Community countries because of poor hygiene, kept secret in

rimental to their trading position"; details of the transport department's vehicle certification agency test results on cars for pollution and safety; pun-ishments imposed by police disciplinary tribunals; results of fire brigade inspections at British Rail stations; and notices issued by the transport department's marine directorate requiring ferry companies to deal with breaches of safety procedures relating to life outs lifejackets and fire

equipment.
Mr. Kirkwood's. "tinnecessary" and "excessive" bill and promised Labour and Liberal Democrat legislation would have given citizens the right to this and other information.

The citizen's charter proposals to publish examination results and health-authority and local authority performance targets are useful. But more must be done to give people the means to make fully formed choices on who should govern, to scrutinise policies or to contribute effectively to the democratic process.

HENRY WITCOMB The author is a practising

Why must Jimmy count the cost? Two cases on the same day showed

CHANNEL TUNNEL

JOHN SMITH's enthusiasm for taxing the rich is unlikely to find much favour in certain parts of the criminal justice system, where the poor can end up paying out more than the affluent.

I refer to the system of costs order. On the same day as the convicted Blue Arrow defendants were sentenced, a young dient of mine came before the local magistrates. "Jimmy" was charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm. It was a sad story arising out of his recent divorce.

Jimmy had access to his young danghter, who lived in the former family home rent-ed by Jimmy and his former wife. Jimmy had gone to see his daughter, but was refused access by his ex-wife's boy-friend. The boyfriend told Jimmy to get out of his own bome. A scuffle ensued and Jimmy used more force than strictly necessary, resulting in his court appearance. The boyfriend's injuries were a few

how unjust the costs system can be

sympathetically and imposed a conditional discharge on Jimmy. Not surprisingly, they did not order him to pay the boyfriend compensation. But they did order him to pay £15 towards prosecution costs. Jimmy was relieved to have it all over. I was satisfied with the result and felt justice had

The Blue Arrow defendants were dealt with somewhat differently. They had pleaded not guilty and cost the taxpayer nearly £3 million, unlike Jimmy, who admitted his guilt. They had been convicted of the much more serious offence of conspiracy to defraud. They had received suspended prison sentences, not conditional discharges. Yet they had not been made to pay anything at all towards the cost of

The trial judge, Mr Justice

McKinnon, was given a statement of the financial circumstances of the Blue Arrow quartet. I am not privy to the contents of that statement: It could well reveal that the defendants were overbur-dened with school fees and huge mortgages. But I am

was living in a council house on unemployment benefit. The courts have a wide discretion on the question of whether convicted defendants should be made to pay anything towards the costs of the prosecution. It is most unusual for a defendant who is not imprisoned to escape without costs order against him. particularly when the defendant has pleaded not guilty. The courts have long given a

financial discount to those

willing to bet each defendant

had more disposable assets and income than Jimmy, who who plead guilty and save the expense of a trial. The likelihood of a substan-

tial costs order is a factor defence solicitors have to take into account when advising clients whether to plead guilty or not guilty.

This is quite different from

the principles that apply when acquitted or unconvicted defendants, such as Lord Spens in the collapsed second Guinness trial, apply for their for by the state. In Lord Spens's case, the application was unsuccessful and his lawyers said they would appeal. Next time I advise somebody like Jimmy on how he should plead and the possible costs consequences, I would like to know what to say when he asks, "But why should I have to pay costs when the Blue Arrow defendants did

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Couples carries the burden of expectation



Couples: tipped for Masters

THE challenge facing Fred Couples now he is the No. 1 player in the world will be to handle the inevitable pressure of being the United States' latest golf hope.

Couples has still to graduate to the status of true champion by winning one of the four major titles. Yet his credentials are so formidable that many will be willing him to reach new peaks

He awoke yesterday, following his astonishing nine-shot win in the Nestlė Invitational tournament here, to find coast-to-coast cover stories claiming that he was the dominant player for whom the US PGA Tour had long been

That cannot be disputed. Couples has won five of the 22 tournaments he has played since the US Open last June. That includes the Johnnie Walker world championship. This season, he is 115 under

par for eight tournaments; and in his last four, he has won twice and finished runner-up twice.

Couples, however, is embarrassed. "I'm not comfortable with the No. 1 ranking," he said. "! need to have done more than I have to be there. I'm a mile from being a dominant player. There are 30 players who are just as good as me. It's simply my time, my month."

Even so, Couples has the image as well as the talent to restore American pride in a game that has been dominated by Europe ans in recent years. He is the boy next door whom every father would want as his son-in-law: and his placid demeanour has given rise to the quip that at some time he must have undergone an ego

His swing is a thing of beauty. slow and smooth, and he has a full repertoire of shots. He might be nicknamed "Boom-Boom" but there is more to his game than a 300-yard drive. He has learned to move the ball both ways; his irons

ly what the other is thinking.

has coincided with others' struggles. Courier has admit-ted his head has been turned

to things other than tennis by

being No. 1 and his succes-

sor, Stefan Edberg, is playing

as badly as he can remember.

That the Swede goes back to No. 1 after he suffered the

worse loss of his career in the

third round, while Courier at

least reached the semi-final, is

an embarrassment that

should prompt the Associ-ation of Tennis Professionals

(ATP) to look closely at their rankings system. Why not

start each year with a new set

of rankings rather than mak-ing players defend points from the previous year? After his third title of the year, Chang has risen back to

No. 6 in the world, having

dropped to 28 at one point

last year, and he is a contend-

er for his second French title,

in Paris in two months.
Off court, the talk was still

game. The ATP forum on the

subject brought up a number

of important issues for the future, not least the impact of

new powerful rackets on growing bodies. Dr Ben

Kibler, president of the soci-

ety for tennis medicine,

warned of the increase of arm

and upper body injuries in

juniors. "If so many juniors are getting injured, who are going to be your professionals of the future?" he asked dele-

gates. Now that is a question

the International Tennis Fed-

Lilleshall and also take on the

touring University of Nebras-

ka side. After Greece, a four-

team tournament in Ger-many, a possible fixture with

Israel and a warm-up against

Portugal complete the pre-

The serious business starts

against Estonia on June 22, followed by Lithuania, the Commonwealth of Indepen-

dent States, Hungary and the

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Olympic agenda.

eration should address.

Chang's rich streak of form

are struck with classic authority, and he putts with complete confidence. Jack Nicklaus said: "He's one of the most talented players I've ever seen."

The transformation of Couples, aged 32, began at The Belfry in 1989 when he lost to Christy O'Connor Jr in the Ryder Cup. There, at the 18th, O'Connor hit the green with a two-iron and Couples missed an elementary approach with a nine-iron. Tony Jacklin, standing next to O'Con-nor, had predicted that Couples would fold under the pressure.

"I think losing that day moti-vated me," Couples said. "I really felt bad about it. It hit me hard because I had let my team-mates down but I guess it toughened me

Even so, the real examination begins now because Couples is regarded as the American most likely to win the Masters, which starts in little more than two weeks' time. If he wins at Augusta, then it is highly likely that Couples can become the most

COUPLES'S RISE TO THE TOP

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: (US unless stated): 1, F Couples, 16.14pts average; 2, N Faldo (GB), 15.83; 3, J-M Otazabal (Sp), 15.78; 4, I Woosnam (GB), 15.77; 5, S Ballesteros (Sp), 15.16; 6, B Langer (Ger), 13.71; 7, equal G Norman (Aus), 11.59, and P Stewart 11.59; 9, P Azinger, 10.15; 10, M McNulty (Zim), 9.46; 11, Rodger Davis (Aus), 8.83; 12, I Balter-Finch (Aus), 8.54; 13, M O'Meara 8.53; 14, C Parry (Aus), 8.19; 15, H Irwin, 8.06; 16, R Refferty (Ire), 7.51; 17, D Love III, 7.29; 18, C Pavin, 7.28; 19, R Floyd, 7.03; 20, J Cook, 5.86.

commanding American player since Tom Watson. But he says: "I don't think we will ever see the likes of Jack Nicklaus or Arnold Palmer again. Those guys were hand-picked. I don't see a guy out there now who can win two majors in one year let alone four.

'As far as being a superstar, then maybe right now I am. I don't like to toot my horn but I do think I am a good player. I shall certainly try my best to keep playing this way and, yes, the way

Couples's 1992 record
Tournament of Champions: Tied 3rd:
72, 70, 68, 70 - 280 (-8), \$41,600; Bob
Hope Classic: Tied 8th: 68, 57, 69, 64,
69 = 337 (-23), \$38,225; Northern
Telecom Open: Tied 16th: 74, 67, 68,
68 = 277 (-11), \$15,437; Buick Invitational: Tied 25th: 67, 69, 71 = 207 (-9),
\$7,155; Los Angeles Open: 1st: 68, 67,
64, 70 = 269 (-15), \$180,000; Doral
Ryder Open: Tied 2nd: 66, 69, 69, 69 =
273 (-15), \$123,200; Honda Classic:
Second: 69, 68, 65, 71 = 273 (-15),
\$118,800; Nestié Invitational: 1st: 67,
69, 63, 70 = 269 (-19),

I am hitting the ball I am looking forward to Augusta. But I've always had a tendency to get ahead of myself and I believe I've played well this last year by taking it shot by shot. So I'm not thinking any further ahead than my opening drive in The Players' Championship, which starts on Thursday."

What is certain is that Couples has left behind the days when he was so forgetful that he arrived for one tournament not realising he had not entered. More impor-

talent that encouraged him to turn professional in 1980 when he arrived at a tournament in California only to find there were no places for amateurs. He went to the US tour qualifying school later that year, finished the leading rookie in 1981 and was hailed as a having a big future on winning The Players' Champion-

Since then. Curtis Strange and Payne Stewart have emerged as the players most likely to lead American golf into a new era, but with the Masters on the horizon there can be no question Couples is holding the baton. Just how far he can run with it remains to be

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Chang lacks power to deliver the goods like Courier

From Andrew Longmore, Tennis correspondent, in key biscayne

THIS time last year, Jim Courier had just completed successive tournament wins in Indian Wells and Key Biscayne. With that springboard of confidence, Courier leapt into the top ten, won his first grand slam title at the French Open two months later, and finally ascended to No. 1 ear-

Whether Michael Chang. who beat Alberto Mancini 7-5. 7-5 to win his first Lipton title, after his victory in Indian Wells, can progress with the same speed is doubtful. It is hard to remember that

the young American is still just one month beyond his twentieth birthday and, at Lipton, has added yet another line to his "youngest ever" list. Somehow, with his fresh, wise face and serious manner, Chang seems ageless. But wit, speed and an extraordinary strength of will - qualities presumably appreciated by Robin Hood's alias, Kevin Costner, who was the most notable VIP in the crowd of 12,000 for the final -- might not be enough to combat the bigger men when they are firing on all cylinders.

Chang sprang to prominence by becoming, at just 17 years and three months, the youngest men's singles grand slam champion. The weight of the record books, though. proved too heavy and for the last two years Chang has been relegated to the bottom of the pack of American presenders as he struggled to develop a game to cope with the big hitters. He hired Phil Dent.

GREAT Britain are to play

two matches against Greece

in preparation for their

Olympic Games qualifying

In terms of opposition, the Greeks will provide a stern

test. They were European champions in 1987, when

they beat the Soviet Union 103-101 in the final, and

In terms of match condi-tions, it will give Britain a

taste of what to expect should

they reach the Olympic finals

runners-up two years later.

programme in June.

and Australian, to improve his serve and volleying, has changed agents regularly. and now works with his brother, Carl, whose sole experience of tennis was playing for the University of Cali-

It has taken him several years to come to terms with winning a grand slam title so early in his career and the fact that he has returned to the limelight in the company of new Lipton women's singles champion, Aranxa Sanchez Vicario, an equally unexpect-ed French Open champion in 1989, is a neat twist of fate not lost on Chang.

"Since that day we have often looked at each other and smiled," he said. "We were both the underdogs, both had the same sponsors and, though it has taded a little with time, when we look at each other, we know exact-



Chang: up to No. 6 BASKETBALL

Greece should provide test

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

in Spain, where the sport is

viewed with a passion rarely

Britain will play Greece in

London on May 23 and 24,

at a venue to be announced.

yet where the Greek commu-

nity will undoubtedly flock to.

their basketball. Living in ex-

ile increases the hunger and

the home players may feel they have surfaced in little

Prior to the double-bill, the

squad will spend a week at

Athens when they run out.

Like the Spanish, they love

seen on these shores.

Making the mileage count

BY ALIX RAMSAY

WILLIAM Black knows what it is like to be far from home. He first came to London from Cape Town to work as an accountant on a three-month contract. That was two years and he has not been home since.

So when Black's friend, Trevor Andary, was injured in a hiking accident last Oc-tober, leaving him in a wheel-chair, Black decided to run in the ADT London Marathon to raise money to send Andary home to his family in Kentucky.

"All the sponsorship is new to me," Black said. "I ran the marathon last year without raising any money and I knew this year I wanted to do something for charity. When I first became aware of Trevor's situation, my aim was just to raise enough for a flight to send him home but I am trying to raise as much as I can because there will be special things he needs when he comes out of hospital."



Before the accident, Andary, aged 23, had been working as a teacher in Is-lington. At first he wanted to go home as soon as he left Stoke Mandeville hospital but now he plans to stay until August to see out his con-tract, provided the local council is successful in its exacth for suitable accommo-dation for him.

The two men met at All Souls' church in Regent Street and Black hopes the 2,000-strong congregation will provide a starting point in his search for sponsors. Already one of the members has opened a trust fund for Andary, while his colleagues in the choir are also doing

their bit for the cause. At the age of 27, Black is an experienced marathon man. He has completed many half-marathons and seven marathons, mostly in South Africa. His best time is 2hr 59min, which he recorded on his first attempt. "I've never really tried to beat that," he said. This time Black has set himself a target of three-and-a-half hours. "If I go over that I will be disappointed," he said.



"But really I am not interested in the time. The emphasis is on raising money ment, The Times, 1 Pen-

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FROM NORMAN HOWELL IN MEXICO CITY

THIS is going to be a great season for Formula One. The gauntlet that Williams has thrown McLaren has turned the world championship into a competition that should seesaw through the next races and provide supporters with

Two races gone, and two first and second places for Nigel Mansell and Riccardo Patrese. To stop this on-slaught, McLaren is prepared to take six cars to Brazil in a beside the regular pit crew, it will have to send the test-team mechanics, those who have worked on the MP4/7, the "fly-by-wire" car, over the last few weeks in Silverstone. The logistics are daunting, but winning is all to Ron Dennis, and his McLaren team is one of the few with the money to

Gerhard Berger will again be at the Northamptonshire racetrack this week, putting the new car through its paces. Ayrton Senna will, of course, go home to Brazil to rest and recuperate from the accident he had on Friday here in tires of warning that McLaren will not take these defeats "sitting down". His words reflect the belief that McLaren will not be panicked into making mistakes. Teams on this level have huge resources, both in human

and technical terms. But there was a feeling in Mexico, before and after the race, that McLaren was rattled by the strength in depth of Williams. It did not help McLaren that Benetton, fielding a car that was both overweight and underpowered, managed to qualify both of its drivers in front of Senna and Berger. This feat, and the number of accidents that McLaren suffered over the weekend, has prompted

some in the team - and at Honda, too - to say that the absence of qualifying tyres had led to Senna's accident. Dennis called for a return

to soft tyres, or those used only once to set a fast lap. "It's too dangerous to have all these cars lapping over and over again on race tyres. Soon we will have a bad accident." Mansell and Patrese have also been lobbying for a re-

turn to soft tyres. This has angered the smaller teams. Flavio Briatore, of Benetton, said: "We don't have special qualifying engines, or even fuel. This narrows the gap, that's good for us." Peter Collins, of Lotus, added: This way we have more of a chance to qualify high on the grid. This way McLaren and Williams have less of an advantage. Both spoke before the meet-

ing yesterday when it was decided not to go back to qualifying tyres. Both teams' results vindicated their managers' position. For once, the small teams won the day, something that must be good for the sport.

PLESULT (59 laps., 169 5 miles) 1, N Mansell (36). Williams, 1hr 3 min 53.567sec (average speed 123.762mph); 2. R Patrese (ii), Williams, at 12.571sec; 3. M Schumacter (Ger), Benettor, at 21.428; 4. G Bergar (Austriat, MoLeren, et 33.347; 5. A De Cesaris (ii), Tyrnel, at one lac; 6, M Heidonen (Prin), Lotus, at one lac; 6, M Heidonen (Prin), Lotus, at one lac; 8, J J Lanto (Fin), Dellera, at one lac; 8, J J Lanto (Fin), Dellera, at one lac; 8, J J Lanto (Fin), Dellera, at one lac; 9, E Conse (FA, Ligier, et two laps; 10, T Boutsen (Bel), Ligier, at two laps; 11, B Gachot (F7), Lamborghini, at 3 laps; 12, M Katayame (Jepsn), Lamborghini, at 3 laps; 13, M Aboneto (ii), Footions (Magen Honde, at 4 laps. Dict not finists: 14, M Brundle (GS), Benetton, 47 Paps coverand: 15, G Tarquini (IV), Footionsial, 45; 16, A Creen (Switz), Fondmetal, 37: 17, P Mertini (IV), Dellera, 36: 18, J Ales (F7), Fernal, 31: 18, G Morbidelli (II), Minardi, 22; 20, S Modere (II), Jordan, 17; 21, O Groutland (F7), Tyrnel, 12; 22, A Barnes (Br), McLaren, 11; 23, C Tritopold

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Drivers: Marraet, 20pts; 2. Patreer, 12-Schumscher, 7: 4. Berger, 5: 5. A. Senr (Br), 4; 6, de Citests, 2: equal 7, herbs and Hetidinen, 1. Constructors: 1, W. Berre, 32; 2. McLarer, 9: 3, Benetion, equal 4, Tyrnell and Lotus, 2.

TABLE TENNIS

Chen can claim medal

CHEN Xinhua has been selected for a European championship for the first time with his inclusion yesterday in the seven-strong England squad for next month's event in Stuttgart (Richard Eaton writes). If the China-born Briton, who made his England debut two years ago, can find his best over a long and

could be a contender for a medal in men's singles.

He will certainly have an excellent chance of a medal in the team event with England's three other men -Carl Prean, the No. 1, Alan Cooke, the former Commonwealth champion, and Matthew Syed.

SQUASH RACKETS

Devoy back in old routine

SUSAN Devoy's third successive victory in the Guernsey women's open championship on Sunday bodes well for her declared ambition of reclaiming the British open title at Wembley next month (Colin McQuillan writes).

The world champion defeated Martine Le Moignan, the England No. 1, 9-5, 9-1, 9-4 in 39 minutes at St Peter Port. In Madrid earlier this month and in Cardiff in Febmary, Le Moignan was also Devoy's final victim. Before Christmas in Amsterdam the New Zealander, aged 28, defeated Sue Wright, the British national champion, to whom she lost in last year's British open quarter-finals.

United seek revenge for New Year defeat

Contract to the second second

MANCHESTER United will be eager to avenge their heavy New Year's day defeat against Queen's Park Rangers in the return fixture at Loftus Road.

It is difficult, however, to see faltering United managing more than a draw against a team in fine form. Rangers' recent conclusive victory over Leeds United, the League leaders, particularly springs to mind.

Portsmouth's FA Cup semifinal against Liverpool at Highbury on Sunday week may prove a distraction to their second division encounter with Swindon Town at Fratton Park.

Portsmouth's rapid climb up the table was halted by Oxford United on Saturday and this, coupled with Swindon's resurgence, makes a draw a fair proposition.

Blackburn Rovers head the second division but they are not playing like leaders and may be pressed to improve on a draw at Barnsley, who are undefeated in eight games. The Lancashire derby between Preston North End

and Bolton Wanderers in the third division is the most appealing treble chance selection in the lower divisions. Barnet, the fourth division promotion challengers, are the only team in the League

not to have drawn at home but a three-pointer is predict-ed for the visit of Rochdale. In Scotland, Motherwell, who have drawn six at home, face Falkirk, who have drawn eight away. Do not bet against another stalemate.

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f East File v Albion
1 E String v Stanhaems

ment of Great Britain's promotion on Sunday, yesterday was a rest day in pool C of the world championships in

light-hearted workout, although tonight's game against Hungary is not being taken lightly, even though the 16-2 win over North Korea on Sunday assured the team of promotion. Frederick Meredith, the

president of the British Ice Hockey Association (BIHA), described Great Britain's success as: "The most significant result in British ice hockey for at least 30 years. We are back in the world's top 20 and, with the talent we have, we will surely hold our own." The BIHA used the rest day

Britain team takes significant step

BÝ NORMAN DE MESQUITA

ICE HOCKEY

FOLLOWING the exciteto announce a new sponsorship for the Aummn Cup. which will now be known as the Benson and Hedges Cup. An annual £70,000 inflationlinked sponsorship fund will The British players had a be made available, with the winners in 1992 receiving

£2,000. There will be a new format next season which will enable all premier division and first division teams to take part and both the preliminary and closing stages will be on a

knockout basis. The preliminary matches will start the last weekend of August and the final, at a venue yet to be decided, will

be on December 5. Britain gained their victory over North Korea in the most emphatic manner. Tony Hand opened the scoring added a second in the eleventh minute. Great Britain had four goals on the board by the end

of the first period, and, in

spite of the Koreans switch-

after only four minutes, and

ing goaltenders three times during the second period, eight more goals were added. The game was physical and the Koreans did not endear themselves to the large crowd by repeatedly feigning injury. The Danish referee handed out a total of 61 minutes in penalties, and seemed to miss several infractions, which one

some of those which were punished.

But all this was forgotten in the excitement of victory and the prospect of entering pool

felt were more serious than

atmosphere and I love the

courses. It is like a reunion."

But the number of familiar

faces recedes year by year.

Once he would have known

80 per cent of the players.

now it is more like 30 per

He was a touring profes-

sional when he was engaged

by Moor Park in 1965. He is

still there, another tribute to

his sense of loyalty. "My contract then stipulated that I

had to play eight tourna-ments a year," he said. "They

wanted me to be a Hogan

and a Leadbetter at the same

time, to run a shop like

Harrods at Marks and Spen-

cer prices, and to make no money, for fear of offending

He is now heavily involved

in the Seniors tour, which, he

feels, has given so many play-

ers a new lease of life, either as

a competitor in his fifties or a

would-be competitor in his

forties waiting for the big 50

Whitehead, a short-game

specialist, and Farmer face

an all-women combination in

today's first round. Claire

Hourihane and Gillian Stew-

art, present and former Cur-

tis Cup players, respectively.

The men have to concede six

strokes. "But we're on the

new," Whitehead said with a

knowing smile, "the more dif-

ficult driving course."

the members."

to arrive.

GOLF

Whitehead lines

up for reunion

at Sunningdale

By John Hennessy

THE entry for the Sunning-

dale Foursomes, starting to-

day, has been reduced from

160 to a more manageable

96, not because of a decline in

interest but out of concern for

the condition of the two

courses and for the standard

of play now that the expanded

ward the loyalty he has shown

in playing in every tourna-ment since 1954.

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three weeks after winning the Grand National. This is Mr Frisk's last season in training and I know that his trainer, Kim Bailey. would dearly love to call it a day in the aftermath of just one more victory. Time will tell whether today is that

With the weights going up 5lb overnight, Mr Frisk will need to be at his very best to concede 20lb to the in-form Tug Of Gold. Basically, that best has not been apparent so

posed entirely of steeple-

chases is the treat in store at

Top weight in the VSEL

Alanbrooke Memorial Han-

dicap Chase will be carried by

Mr Frisk who will always be

remembered for landing the

Whitbread Gold Cup on to-

day's track two years ago just

Sandown Park today.

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

far this season now that he has reached the age of 13. In contrast, Tug Of Gold enters the fray fresh from winning the Fulke Walwyn. Kim Muir Challenge Cup ar Cheltenham where ironically, he was ridden by Mr Frisk's regular jockey, Mar-

cus Armytage.
Richard Dunwoody takes over again on Tug Of Gold this afternoon and no one deserves to win on this horse more than he does. The combination appeared to have a good chance of collecting at Ludlow last month until encountering a loose horse coming at them from the opposite: direction on the run-in. Forced into taking evasive momentum and was beaten three quarters of a length by

Tug Of Gold fancied to follow up

Ronans Birthday.

Durnwoody will also be hopeful of winning the Royal Ordnance Handicap Chase for David Nicholson on Al Hashimi, who ran well when numer-up to Elfast over today's course and distance in Feburary before producing a rather tame effort in the Grand Annual Challenge Cup at Cheltenham.

On this occasion, though, I prefer Le Chat Noir who got his act together at Lingfield en days ago after two sound placed efforts at Folkestone. The Right O'The Line Handicap Chase can go to Clara Mountain, a long-time favourite with those who race regularly at Sandown, while

Richard Holder's versatile

action, Tug Of Gold lost his is napped to win the British Aerospace Rapier Novices' Chase after taking similar events at Newton Abbot and

Following that promising effort behind Plastic Spaceace at Wolverhampton eight



Dunwoody: reunited with

days ago, Richville now looks capable of giving Jon Trice Rolph a second successive victory in the Royal Artillery Gold Cup, having won it 12 months ago with Roscoe

The RMC Group Ubique Hunter Chase can go to Wellington Brown, who has carried all before him so far this spring at Larkhill, Kempton and Wincanton.

Leicester off

Today's Flat meeting at Leicester was abandoned for the second year running yesterday because of waterlogging. The stewards decided that false patches of ground, the result of a weekend of heavy rain, could be dangerous if the meeting were allowed to go ahead.

Dare's Harkaway treble takes her career tally to 150

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

ALISON Dare dominated in and Hourigan at the Weston the first three races at the Harkaway Club point-topoint on Saturday and brought her winning tally for the season to nine and her career total to 150. All were odds-on favourites out of the vard of Dick Baimbridge.

Grademount had no trouble in the members' race and Russki's win in the ladies' open was a comfortable one but, in between, Dare had to pull out all the stops on Fenelly in the restricted to get the better of Simon Sweeting on Blue Cheek.

Steven Brookshaw was also in top form at the Meynell and South Staffs. Abitmorfun, the first leg of his treble in the maiden, was aided by the departure of Lantern Pike two out but he went on to win the open on Mount Argus with plenty in hand.

Brookshaw rounded the afternoon off by taking the PPO on Nodforms Dilemma but only by three parts of a length after being locked in battle from four out with Tim On his eighteenth birthday.

and Banwell with Society Member in the maiden and True Brit in the confined. Burnt Oak in the members' race gave Alan Haycox a first winner and he did not have to wait long for his second which came on Sports News in division two of the restricted.

Speakers Corner, winner of the Land Rover Qualifier by a distance at the Hurworth, will probably next be seen in the Liverpool Foxhunters for which the Tweseldown Clain open winner. Ascertalmoor. is also destined.

In the ladies' open at the Tweseldown, Qannaas, under Jackie Wickham, reversed early-season form with Pheliof (Tabatha Cave) in the fast time of 6min 9sec.

After taking the Land Rover event on Seven Of Dia-monds at the Wilton, Malcolm Batters completed a lucky double for Harry Wellstead's stable with Marnworth in the restricted. Three horses way ahead of him came to grief and Shrill Whistle, left in the lead,

Doumen backs

caused," Doumen said.
"Golden Freeze didn't bump anything. He was just run-ning in front. I have a few horses that run from the front and nobody says to me that they will leave them alone. The only thing I know is

he can be a champion from the front or with a horse next

second year in succession, runs on Sunday at Auteuil as part of his build-up for the Grand Steeplechase de Paris in June, a race he won last

The Fellow has been thriving since his defeat by Cool Ground and Doumen reports: "He is set to carry a lot of weight but he is so well that I want to run him. The only thing that will stop him is the ground. It's started to rain but I am hoping it won't last."

Norton's Coin has to drop out

NORTON'S Coin, billed as one of the star attractions of a charity race at Worcester tomorrow, will miss the two-

The 1990 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner was entered in the William Hill Heaven Help Us Stakes, in which a team of celebrities, all aged over 45, are to ride.

Former champion riders Bob Davies, Josh Gifford, Stan Mellor and Ron Barry have all agreed to take part to raise money for the Injured Jockeys' Fund.

that have dogged campaign.

Pitman tactics

FRANCOIS Doumen, trainer of Cheltenham Gold Cup runner-up The Fellow, yesterday spoke out in support of Jenny Pitman in the row over the tactics of Golden Freeze in the Gold Cup.

Doumen says he saw noth-ing untoward in the running of Golden Freeze and is surprised the Jockey Club has

European Tour calendar has that if a horse is a champion,

Whitehead won in 1957 with Brian Huggett, and in

mile flat event.

Norton's Coin, who was pulled up in this year's Gold Cup, has still to completely recover from the problems

ordered an enquiry. "There was no interference

drawn away so many professionals. But if there is one player, other than either of the holders, Jeremy Robinson and Wayne Henry, who could have been sure of being accepted, it is Ross Whitehead. Sunningdale was sure to re-

The Fellow, who went down by a short head for the

1962 with Neil Coles. Laurence Farmer, once Whitehead's assistant at Moor Park but now attached to West Middlesex, has been at his side for the last ten years. Their best result so far is a place in the quarterfinals, in 1984 and 1989. Whitehead, captain-elect of

the PGA, is a young-looking 57, who exercises every morning. "I sometimes get a twinge in the back," he says, but nothing to worry about." He has a special affection for these foursomes, "It feels like the beginning of a new

Figueras-Dotti in cup contention

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA

THE Solheim Cup might not yet loom as large as the Ryder Cup in the public perception but the players on the women's tours of Europe and the United States have it very much in mind. Danielle Ammaccapane, winner of the LPGA tournament at Moon Valley on Sunday, knows all about it and she did her standing no harm with 20

season," he said. "I love the

nto fifth on the table More immediately, she moved to third on the moneylist after picking up a cheque for \$82,500. It was the secand victory of her career the first was in this event last year — and she clinched it with four birdies in the first five holes of the final round. A 69, four under par, gave her a 13-under total of 279, two

points for victory, to move



and three ahead of Marts Figueras-Dotti, of Spain, and Dawn Coe, of Canada.

Figueras-Dotti also has her eye on a Solheim Cup place but she is in an awkward position, as a European playing the bulk of her golf in the United States. She will be reliant on one of three wild cards from Mickey Walker, the Europe captain. A few more finishes in the top three and the Spaniard in her ninth year on the US tour and sixteenth on the money-list, will be hard to leave out of the match at Dalmahoy in Edin-

burgh in October. Another highly placed European, Andrea Doyle, executive director of the Women's Professional Golfers' Europe-an Tour (WPGET), was in Phoenix for a meeting that included 'Charlie Mecham, her US equivalent, and Ping,

the sponsor of the cup. Doyle, struggling to pro-vide a decent schedule for her players, also had a look at what is possible: live television coverage of the last two rounds; \$550,000 in prizemoney; 1,100 volunteers; and 132,000 spectators. A nice figure to aim at.

FOOTBALL

Uefa under-21 championship Quarter-final, second leg Scotland v Germany...
(at Aberdeen)

Under-21 international Republic of Ireland v Switzerland ... (at Tolka Park)

Barclays League

Morton v Klimamock.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Pirut division: Bractiond v Sheffleki Wed, Coventry v Everton (7.0); Liverpool v West Bromwach (7.0), Manchester City v Rotherham (6.45); Sheffield Lifd v Aston Villa. Second division: Grimaby v Stote (7.0). NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION; Watford v Millwell: West Harn v Portsmouth (2.0). Postponed; Tottenham v Wimbledon. Wimbledon

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES:
Tennents Floodit Trophy: Citineroe v
Brackpool Rovers, Great Harwood v
Bamber Bridge

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST
LEAGUE: Pramier division: Pontermed
Col v Osset Town.
SCHOOLS UNDER-15 INTERNATIONAL: Northern Iraband v Germany
(al Brandywell Showgrounds, Londonderry, 7 0).

RUGBY UNION Heineken Welsh League

First division Maesteg v Pontypridd (7.0)

Second division Ebbw Vale v Aberavon (7.0)...... Tredegar v Sth Wales Pol (7.30) NATIONAL SCHOOLS SEVENS (Rosslyn Park RFC)

OTHER SPORT BOY/LS: British kies women's champio

ships (Llanelli) ICE HOCKEY: World championships: Pool C. Great Britain v Hungary (Humber-side, 8.30) SNOOKER: World championship Qualifying tournament (Preston)



Romany King second string to Balding's National bow

ROMANY King will now line up with his stable companion Cool Ground in the Martell Grand National on Saturday

"The owner, Mr Garrett, rang me this morning and told me we run," said a delighted Richard Guest, who will ride. "I suppose it's a year too early as he's only eight, but he's so well handi-

capped off 10st 3lb." The last eight-year-old to succeed was Corbiere back in 1983. However, the gelding's trainer. Toby Balding, has a marvellous record in the race having won it with Highland Wedding (1969) and Little Polveir (1989).

"He must have an outstanding chance," continued Guest. "He rolls over his fences — not an extravagant jumper, but a safe one. He has been round Haydock and if they can do that, they're usually all right for the

Despite the continued support for Cool Ground (7-1 from 8-1 with Ladbrokes). Guest is cautious about the Gold Cup winner's chances. "He's had two very hard races in quick succession. Before Cheltenham, he was

made to fight when he beat

Brian Beel: 4.55 Wellington Brown.

(£3,454: 2m 4f 68yd) (10 runners)

MANDARIN

(nap). 3.20 Richville.

3.50 Tug Of Gold. 4.20 Le Chat Noir.

2.15 Clara Mountain. 2.50 STAR SEASON

By Christopher Goulding me and Kildimo at Haydock.

My horse is very tough and I couldn't have a better one for my first ride in the race.". Romany King gets a 33-1 quote from Corals, who yes-

terday reduced Auntie Dot from 25-1 to 20-1. New Halen is now another serious contender for the race after showing his first signs of form this season when a

promising second to Radical Lady at Bangor on Saturday. "He's on the way back explained his trainer, Paul James. "Now we have two weeks to get him ready. I hate to say it, but we've had the virus in the yard.

"New Halen, like the rest of my horses, has been out of form and he showed the first glimmer this season of his true ability on Saturday. He jumped liked a stag for Robert Bellamy, which is a sure sign he's returning to his best. Robert will ride him again at Livernool."

Last year, nothing was tra-

velling better than New

Halen when he unseated his

rider at the 23rd. "You don't

RICHARD EVANS

4.20 Al Hashimi.

have to remind me how well he was going," continued James, "If only." James will be hoping his run of wretched luck at Liver-

2.15 River House. 2.50 Star Season.

3.50 Tog Of Gold. 4.20 LE CHAT NOIR

(nap). 4.55 Wellington Brown.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.55 WELLINGTON BROWN.

2.15 RIGHT O'THE LINE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,478; 2m 4f 68yd) (6 rumors)

Long handlosp: Singing Flore 9-7.
BETTING: 13-8 Clara Mountain, 11-4 Pin's Pride, 4-1 River House, 7-1 Diane's Destiny, 10-1 Klassne, 25-1 Singing Flore.

1991; SKINNHILL 7-10-1 A Tory (5-1) T Thomson Jones 6 ran FORM FOCUS

PIN'S PRIOE beat Crock-Ne-Nee distance in 3-runner Folkestone (2m 4f., good to firm) handlesp
chase. CLARA MOUNTAIN 122 2nd of 3 to Streth
Jay chase (good) over course and distance.

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1981: GOLDEN CELTIC 7-11-8 J Osborne (5-2) Miss H Knight S ran FORM FOCUS

STAR SEASON best Worthy Knight 15t at Hereford (2m 3f), previously best SR NODDY (8tb better off) 12t over same course and distance.

MANDER'S WAY best Capitals Firsts 44 in 7-runner Newbury (3m, good) novice chase on penultimate

50 BRITISH AEROSPACE RAPIER NOVICES CHASE

the ground remains on the fast side, Docklands is the one for me. But if it goes against us and becomer soft, it has to be Cool Ground."

pool reients. "Before he jost his jockey in the National, he was going equally well two years ago in the John Hughes Memorial Trophy until his rider had to pull up because a stirrup leather broke. "Apart from fearing the fences and 39 rivals, I feel I

deserve a change of luck," concluded James. "Third time lucky will do nicely."

Anthony Tory will also be hoping for a change of fortime after parting company with Docklands Express at the first fence last year.

"It was just one of those silly things," reflected Tory. "We jumped the Ience very quick and he gave it too much daylight. That's the only time he's fallen. "If I was a betting man and

Tory, who is recovering well-from a broken collar-bone sustained at Plumpton ten days ago, plans to resume race riding at the weekend. Docklands Express, who has shown considerable improvement this season, was supported from 10-1 to 8-1

Garton on Ashpit. there was a double for Michwith Ladbrokes yesterday.

stopped to nothing.

Paccoard number. Sb-figure form (F - fell. P. - pulled up. U - unsented rider. B - brought down. S - slipped up. R - refused. D - drequalified). Horse's name. Days since lest outling. F if flat. S - bilinters. V - visor, H - hood. E - Systatied. C - course watner. D - distance where. CD - course and

3.50 VSELALANBROOKE MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (23,473: 3m 118yd) (7 runners).

BETTUNG: 5-6 Tug Of Gold, 5-1 Mr Friek, 6-1 Fermine Boy, 6-1 Humbworth, 10-1 Settron Lord, 16-1 Helio Steve, 38-1 Pacidy Buck. 1981: KARAKTER REFERENCE 9-16-11 D O'Sullivan (6-1) R O'Sullivan 8 mm FORM FOCUS

4.20 ROYAL ORDNANCE HANDICAP CHASE (23,473: 2m 18yd) (6 runners)

Long handicup: Snowy Bondlair 9-12, Tally Jones 9-6, Fuego Boy 9-4.
BETTING: 15-8 Al Hashini, 3-1 Le Chet Noir, 7-2 Ameri King, 5-1 Fuego Boy, 10-1 Snowy Bondlair, 14-1 Tally Jones. 1991: STAR'S DELIGHT 9-12-0 M Perrett (2-1 ji-lev) M Pipe 5 ran

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4.55 RMC GROUP UBIQUE HUNTER CHASE

Institutes: £1,287: 2m 4f 88yd) (13 turners)

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1F(90-05 BETTY'S PEARL: 19 (0,23) Mrs G Router) Mrs J Liusion 11-12-2... Mrs G Russell Holmus (7) 50

P-23310 CURAHEEN BOY 12 (D,F,G) (C Trieding) C Trieding 12-12-2... Mrs G Russell Holmus (7) 50

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Tension and travesty in a World Cup cauldron



Wessels: took a risk

that, surely, was an aw-ful moment for cricket when the second semiof the World Cup ended as it did in Sydney on Sunday. In more than 40 years of writing about the game, I think I have never before felt such despair.

But before we proceed on that tack, it might be as well to stress the very highly charged and competitive at-mosphere in which international cricket is now played. Perhaps most of all, this applies to the World Cup, basically because of the

nature of the matches. In Test cricket, when feelings can run just as high, there is time to cool off. The Sydney Cricket Ground be-tween 2.30 in the afternoon and 10.30 at night — the hours of a one-day international - becomes a veritable cauldron.

None of us can say how. amid such tension, we would have reacted had we been in Graham Gooch's shoes. when England were given the chance to run for cover with South Africa needing 22 runs to win from the 13 balls remaining.

Most of us never have been and never will be subjected to remotely compara-ble pressures. It is one thing to say that we would some-how have insisted on justice being done but, with so much at stake, there can be no certainty that we would. To take the option of leav-ing the field in heavy rain was no more than many cap-

tains would have done -

Kepler Wessels, on his own admission, among them.

JOHN WOODCOCK IN NELEBURIES blackness, however broken the clouds may be.

serves to reach a World Cup

What followed was noth-

those involved how impor-

Had Gooch stayed on and given South Africa their chance, I doubt whether he would be regretting it.

Win or lose — and the odds were still quite heavily in England's favour — he would have been hailed for his sportsmanship. But he was being urged to go off by more than one of his senior players and the time had come, anyway, when the fielding side was getting much the worse of it.

here would have been no way of knowing it was a passing shower, as there might have been in daytime. Above and beyond the Sydney lights, the night sky is a dome of unalleviated

other words, was the World Cup of 1992 to be remembered as much for that as for the good things to have come out of it? So when, very soon, the rain stopped, it was natural to think that providence, after all, was to be even-handed. Wonderful, one thought the side, that decease to reach a World Cur.

Players are constantly being reminded of their responsibility as entertainers and, now, in 40 countries around the world, television viewers, many millions of them, were being held en-thralled by the match.

final is going to be seen in the end to do so. When they were deprived of the climax that the previous seven-and-a-half hours ing less than a travesty. Are we really to believe that there was nobody on the had been devoted to provid-ing, very few, if any, would have turned off their sets, at ground with the authority whatever time of day or and acumen to convey to night it was for them, with-out a sense of outrage. Betant it was to seek a happier solution than the one delivfore one of the largest ered by the palpably unfair audiences it will ever have, had, the game was made to look utterly foolish. rule regarding the revision of a target after rain? In

cans, except for their dreadful over-rate, came out of it all with credit, but not of the kind they wanted. They were seen to say and do nothing they might have regretted afterwards. "We knew the rule," Wessels said, "and we knew we were taking a chance when we chose to

ooch, splendid sportsman that he is, was outwardly embarrassed when England were presented with the match and, on reflection.

perhaps inwardly so. Messrs Aldridge and Randell, the umpires. howed no evident imagination or, for that matter, urgency when, very soon, the rain began to ease. But it is the organising committee -and it was there in force that had most to answer for.

The nonsense, for that is what is was, was of its making, though you would hardly have thought so from what Graham Halbish, general manager of the Australian Cricket Board, speaking on behalf of the World Cup committee, said: "I don't believe the match was a farce. Like the semi-final in Auckland, it was a magnifi-cent game of cricket

"It was just unfortunate that rain intervened. It was not the fault of the umpires. the World Cup committee or anyone else — it was an act of God." He could be saying next, in view of South Africals functions that it was ca's frustration, that it was the Almighty's way of cast-

World waits on seven-hour penalty shoot-out

Real cricket takes a back seat as final approaches

FROM DAVID MILLER IN MELBOURNE

THE World Cup is compulsive viewing, a penalty shoot-out expanded from ten minutes to seven hours. It is like waiting for the solicitor to ring to say the buyer has exchanged contracts on your house, when you have already signed for the next, more

England, the favourites, go into the World Cup final tomorrow wondering if they will be gazumped by the flash lot without a bank account, Pakistan; no doubt with Paul Keating, the Australian prime minister, waiting in the wings to blow raspberries.

The joy of real cricket (on which I was weared, fielding as a ten-year-old at the nets for Hassett and Miller) is that, as in a tale of Maugham or Jane Austen, virtue and frailty slowly evolve, and the conclusion of that unresolved. occasional intellectual masterpiece, the draw, can be left hanging in the mind of the

In World Cup cricket, like the plot of EastEnders, you inheriting uncle's unknown legacy, to a walk-out on the registry office steps, all in the

space of 25 minutes. There is time as a spectator at real cricket to meet a friend, post a letter, telephone the office with an excuse, even to fall in love, and still not lose the thread. There is no time out here for a vawn. Go and buy a cup of coffee and you may miss the vital statistics of half Botham's career. It is, of

Wellington: Martin Crowe

was asked by the New Zea-

land selectors to stand down

as captain the day before the

World Cup started, his wife,

Simone, said yesterday. In a

Television New Zealand pro-

gramme, Crowe - voted play-

er of the qualifying round -

told how he had learned to

live with rumours about

His wife fought back tears

in an interview recorded just

after Pakistan beat New Zea-

homosexuality and Aids.

course, the World Cup that sustains his career.

The limited overs game is to the art of Geoff. Boycott what the jacuzzi is to the marathon. When the mad mandarins of administration take over, as they did in the semi-final between England and South Africa on Sunday, with algebraic calculation of the rainfall, the game makes less sease than A Night at the The talk here is less what

will happen at the historic Melbourne Cricket Ground tomorrow than what an absurdity was the Sydney semifinal. I do not get the impression that Australians are gleefully awaiting the fall of Gooch and Botham. For a start, the Aussic is essentially a good sportsman — especially when not in contention and besides which, as Keating has implied, half the population is now Greek, Yugoslav or Oriental; they think f you do not speak English with an Australian accent, you must be American.

I asked my taxi driver from the airport here if he was from Belgrade. "I am Grik," he said indignantly. "From historic country." To him, cricket meant as much as Super Bowl. The Greek who drove me to Sydney airport was so busy telling me, at 20mph, about the girl he met and married in Birmingham, and why he therefore supported Gooch and Co, that I nearly missed the plane. If you want to know what

land in Saturday's semi-final.

She said: "It's amazing to

know that the day before the

World Cup team was an-

nounced that a couple of the

selectors asked Martin to

their words, despite the fact

that we've just lost. They had

very little faith, and I feel they

should have shown much

that.

"Right now they're eating

World Cup cricket is doing to the game, just wait for the Japanese. They have overtaken the American motor trade, and they have hired Gary Lineker. Cricket may come next.A tour party of 150 Japanese students checked in ahead of me at Sydney. They learned the game at overseas universities, imported it, and new were attendant at Mecca. The problem for the Japanese, I would have supposed, is that having an low appeal rejected must be a cultural impasse. Loss of face.

Fortunately, the weather forecast means that the mandarin toathematicians should not be needed. Tomorrow is expected to be fine in the high twenties, moving towards 30C on Thursday: perhaps just the conditions to lift the quixotic Imran and his volatile crew. Will the flamboyant Inzamam, a 22-year-old without a Test match behind him, be man of the match?

The one-day game unquestionably perverts convention. Batsmen no longer play ing, they "work the ball". Runs are snatched when the ball drops dead off the pad like something out of It's A Knockout.

But the fascination is that every ball and every stoke is perceived as being five times as important as in real cricket, the importance ascending as one moves towards the last few overs of each innings. It can be fraying stuff, on or off

February 9, the fourth night

of the final England v New

Zealand Test match, he was

called in to see the selectors.

He thought it was to have

been about selections. "It got

very tricky because my cap-

taincy was in question and it

was very uncomfortable. I

walked out of that meeting

not knowing what was going

to happen in 24 hours' time.



One-day wonder: Botham, whose career has benefited from the World Cup

representing my country, I

love being a New Zealander.

Crowe and his wife, whose

mother is from Florence, are

shortly leaving for Italy and

he will be advising the (talian

team on how to qualify for the

1996 World Cup. After the glare of the World Cup spot-

light, it will be a welcome time

away from the game's

and great pride."

said I was not going to back out there because I just love

homosexuality. Aids and di- it fills me with great emotion

Stephenson helps **England to make** the breakthrough

FROM RICHARD STREETON, IN ARNOS VALE, ST VINCENT 🧳

JOHN Stephenson's amiable medium pace brought him four for 22, three of his successes coming from return catches, as West Indies finished with a first-innings lead of 61 yesterday in the second A team Test match here. The last four West Indian wickets had been 115 aggressive runs before they were all out for 302 and an early tea was

Stephenson, bowling for the first time in the innings, once again on this tour obtained the breakthroughs England wanted. He had Murray leg-before in his third over and then held a fiercely driven return catch from Perry in his next.

Murray had stayed a fur ther hour and had outscored Holder during a fifth wicket stand worth 77 in 29 overs. Stephenson was not used un-til the 63rd over, the pitch seemingly having nothing to offer him. As always, though, he seemed to trouble the West Indians, Murray was stretching forward when he was leg-before.

After lunch the pattern changed dramatically as Munton and Cork shared a new ball. The next six overs cost 35, with Cork conceding 23 of them. Holder, hitherto firmly in his shell, pulled and drove freely as the Derbyshire man tried to extract pace

from a lifeless pitch. Munton finally ended a stand which had added 62 in 20 overs for the seventh wick-

et. Munton brought one back as Gray pushed forward and the ball also kept low.

Cork was replaced by Croft after his three poor overs and Holder hit the off spinner's first ball like a bullet straight back at him along the ground for four. The next ball, though, Holder was beaten through the air, and Rhodes brought off the best of several leg-side stumpings he has made on this tour.

In all Holder batted nearly 3 3/4 hours, hit eight fours and faced 155 balls.

Any hope England held that the end was in sight was soon dispersed as Joseph and Benjamin hit aggressively.

Benjazon IIII aggressive

ENGLAND: First hinings

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BOWLING: Munton 8-1-21-0; Cork 10-2-22 0; Watten 11-2-37-1; Croft 20-6-49-8 Pemprakash 4-1-6-0. Umpires: D Archer and G Johnson.

South Africa select the same squad

Cape Town: The South Africa selectors have given their World Cup players a vote of confidence, following the controversial semi-final defeat against England, by picking the entire squad for the tour of the West Indies next month.

Peter van der Merwe, selection convenor of the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA), said that Kepler Wessels, the captain, would lead the same squad for a four-match Test series, in-cluding the first five-day Test since South Africa was readmitted to international sport

Van der Merwe said the selectors believed that even those who had minor roles in the World Cup campaign "stili played an integral part .

in the team's success." But there is still no room for the experienced batsman, Jimmy Cook, and the former captain, Clive Rice, who were both overlooked for the World Cup.

An official of the UCBSA

said the squad would repure home from Australia on Thursday and leave for the West Indies on April 3. Of the defeat against Eng-

land, Ali Bacher, chief executive of the UCBSA, said that the decision was in line with rules accepted by all the teams. "We lost the match but we won the praise," he said. (Reuter)

SCOTTY AFRICA SCUAD: "K C Wassel, A C Hudson, P N Krafen, W J Cronje, M W Rushmein, A P Kuiper, J N Rhodes, B M McMillen, O Herry, T Bosch, †D J Richardson, R P Snell, M W Pringle, A A Donald.

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Selectors asked Crowe to relinquish cup captaincy

down to these guys."

Crowe said rumours of

vorce had not worried him

because they were "absolutely

rubbish". His wife and

friends were made uncom-

fortable having to defend

him, "but you've got to laugh

and you've got to get on with

it", he said. It was the result.

WORLD CUP DETAILS FINAL: Tomorrow (04 30 GMT): England v Paketan, Melbourns (Ivan coverage by Sky Sports and Radio 6, haphights on 88C1, 22.00) A second and third day have been set aside for the final. SEMI-FINALS: New Zestand 262-7 (M D Crowe 91. K R Rutherford 50), Pakistan 264-6 (Inzamam+II-Hag 60, Javed Mandard 57 not out) England 252-6 (G A Hick 63), South Africa 232-6 CUALITYING TABLE AND NESULTS P W L NR Pts NRR New Zestand 8 7 1 0 14 +0.59 England . 8 5 2 1 11 +0.47 South Africa 8 5 2 0 10 +0.13 Pakistan 8 4 3 1 9 +0.16 Australia 8 4 4 0 8 +0.20 Australia 8 4 4 0 8 +0.20 West Indies 8 4 4 0 8 +0.07 Indie 8 2 5 1 5 +0.14 Sn Lania 8 2 5 1 5 -0.68 Zmbabwe 8 1 7 0 2 -1.14 Sn Lanka 8 2 5 1 5 -0 58 Zmbabwe 8 7 7 0 2 -1.14 Not run-rate (NRR) is the difference between batting and bowing rates Runs scored in no-result matches are not included ROUND-ROBIN RESULTS: New Zealand 248-6 (M D Crown 100 not out, K R Rutherforg 57), Australia 211 (D C Boon 100) England 236-9 (R A Smith 91, G A Gooch 51) Indias 227 (R J Shastin 57) Pakistan 220-2 (Ramiz Raja 102, Javed Mandad 57 not out), West Indies 221-0 (D L Haynes 93 not out, B C Lara 88 retired hunt), Zimbabwe 33-4 (A Flower 115 not out, A C Walfer 83 not out, K J Amont 52), Sri Lanka 314-7 (A Ranatunga 68 not out, M AR Samasaekera 75 R Shashamams 59, Sri Lanka 206-9 (R S Mahajama 60), New Zealand 210-4 (K R Hutherford 65 not out, J G Winght 57) Australia 170-9. South Africa 171-1 (K C Wessels 81 not out) West Indies 157 (K L T Arthurton 54), England 180-4 (G A Gooch 65 G A Hock 54) Pakitsan 234-4 (Azmer Schaul 114, Javed Mundad 89), Zimbabwe 201-7, Indie 1-0 v Sri Lanka - no result. West Indies 264-8 (B C Lere 72 C L Hooper 63, R B Richardson 56), Zimbabwe 189-7 (A Shah 60 not out, D L Mursten 90), New Zealand 191-7 (M J Greatbalch 68, R T Letham 60), Australia

237-9 (D M Jones ell), India 234 (M Azharuddin 93), India 1 stepal revised to 238 in 47 overs. Palcistan 74, Engiand 24-1—no result. South Africa 196, Sri Lanka 198-7 (R S Mehanama 89, A Ranatungs 64 not out). New Zealland 162-3 (M D Crower 74 not out, A H Jones 57), Zimbabwe, 105-7, India 216 (S R Tendulisar 54 not out). Pakistan 173 (Asmer Sohasi 62) South Alrica 200-8 (P N Kristen 56), West Indias 136 (A L Logie 61: M W Phingia 4-11). Australisa 171 (T M Moody 51. I T Bothem 53) India 203-7 (S R Tendulisar 81). Zimbabwe 104-1 Sri Lanka 199-9 (P A de Sha 62), Australia 190-3 (G R Mersh 60, T M Moody 57) West Indias 203-7 (S C Laris 32), New Zealand 205-5 (M D Crowe 81 not out, M J Greatbatch 63). South Africa 211-7 (A C Hudson 54), Palcistan 173-8 England 280-6 (N H Fambrither 53, A J Stewest 59), Sri Lanka 174 (C C Lewis 4-30) India 197 (M Azharuddin 61; A C Cummars 4-33), West Indias 195-5 (K L T Arthurton 58 not out) - West Indias 195-5 (K L T Arthurton 58 not out) - West Indias 195 (S Overs 7) Zimbabwe 163, South Africa 164-3 (K Indies 195-5 (K L T Arthurion S8 not out) —West incles larget remised to 185 off 48 overs Zimbabwe 163, South Africa 164-3 (K C Wessels 70, P N Kirsten 52 not out). Paldstan 220-8 (Anner Sohnal 78), Australia 172, Indie 230-5 (S R Tendelser 84, M Azhaudon 55), New Zealand 231-6 (M J Greettsatch 73, A H Jones 67), South Africa 236-4 (K C Wessels 85, A Hudson 79), England 225-7 (A J Stewart 77, N H Fastrother 75 not out) — England's target revised to 225 in 41 overs West Indies 288-8 (P V Stewart 170, U C Hathurusenijne 4-57), Srt Lands 177-9 Australia 265-8 (M E Waugh 65 not out, S R Waugh 55, D M Jones 54, Zimbabwe 137 England 200-8 (G A Hick 56, New Zasland 201-3 (A H Jones 76, M D Crowe 73 not out), India 180-6 (M Azharudon 73 (R Handels 74), England 125 (E A Brandes 4-21), Australia 216-8 (D C Boon 100), West Indies 159 (B C Lera 70; M R Whetney 4-34).

nounced that Danny Morri-

son, the New Zealand fast

bowler, would replace Ste-

phen Jack, of South Africa, as

their overseas player for the

Jack had an operation on

his foot in February and in

light of medical advice his

contract has been termi-

nated. Morrison, who helped

New Zealand to reach the

World Cup semi-finals, has

played 25 Tests.

1992 season.

Victory delays Imran's plans for retirement

IMRAN Khan, the Pakistan captain, said yesterday that he would have quit cricket and concentrated on raising money for a Lahore cancer hospital if his side had not reached the World Cup final. "If we had not qualified, I

might have just given it in. As you know there are enough jackals waiting." However, the gifted allrounder, aged 39, said he had

been spurred on by Saturday's win over New Zealand and would tour England in May for his nation's five-Test series before making a decision on his future.
Pakistan and England

meet in the World Cup final at the Melbourne Cricket Ground tomorrow. Imran said that winning the Cup would provide him with one of his greatest pleasures on

say goodbye to his Australian

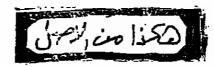
Imran also said he found it hard to believe an extra day was not put aside for each match, as in the four previous

World Cups, to allow for rain. His comments followed the chaotic finish to the day-night semi-final between England and South Africa in Sydney on Sunday.

"I sympathise with the South Africans. They had an outside chance of winning and then suddenly they had no chance," Imran said. "I think it's a ridiculous

rule. We shouldn't have a rule like this which decides the fate of the team." Imran added that more time and effort should have

been put into finding a better method for resolving rain-hit matches, but insisted that the the field and be a fine way to best remedy was extra time.



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Taylor calls for penalties to be imposed on clubs

FROM STUART JONES, POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, IN PRAGUE

GRAHAM Taylor, disturbed by the state of his severely depleted squad, yesterday called for the assistance of the Football Association and the Premier League. As from next season, if the England manager has his way, penalties will be imposed on clubs who fail to release England inter-. nationals without good

All of his predecessors have experienced the same frustrating disruption but Taylor is in a unique position. With the co-operation of the newly formed body, he can ensure that the country no longer continues to suffer for the sake of the domestic clubs.

That was supposed to be the fundamental principle behind the proposal put forward by Graham Kelly, the FA chief executive. During the protracted discussions and extensive revisions, though, it has become evident that the Premier League will be based next season merely on financial benefits.

Sir Bert Millichip, the FA chairman, admitted as much yesterday. Nevertheless, he sympathises with Taylor's opinion and does not rule out the possibility of official action being taken. It is concervable, though improbable, that a new rule could soon be

written into the constitution. Taylor, who feels that some of the ten absentees may have been withdrawn for less than convincing excuses, offers a simple solution. A dub that

ENGLAND B: N Martyn (Crystal Palace); E Barrett (Aston Villa), C Palmer (Sheffleld Wednesday), R Jobson (Watford), J Dicks (West Ham United), A Sinton (Queen's Park Rangers), D Batty (Leeds United), M Thomas (Liverpool), M Ls Tissier (Southampton), A Sintener (Southampton), A Sintener (Southampton), A Sintin (Arsenal), Substitutes C Woods

Puerto

Rico

accused

JUST as the last World Cup ended in controversy, so the next jamboree, now officially

in its infancy, has begun in similar fashion. The first of

the 582 qualifying matches for the finals in 1994 kicked

off in acrimony on Saturday and ended with bitter, if fa-

Republic had played the first leg of their CONCACAF pre-

preliminary round tie with

Puerto Rico, the arguments had begun. Puerto Rico were,

the Dominican football au-

thorities claimed, fielding ten

ineligible players. The game

was delayed for an hour while

the debate raged. Eventually, the 80,000 spectators in the Juan Pablo Duarte Olympic

stadium did see some football

and, to fray tempers further,

Puerto Rico won 2-1. All this

just 48 hours before Fifa an-

nounced its choice of stadi-

Higgins in

miliar, protests.'
Even before the Dominion

squad must submit a medical every squad this season, has report which can be exam-

ined by the FA. Should the appropriate available for the club's next fixture. If the system is still abused, Taylor would even consider requesting the alleged victim to report to the squad's headquarters carry-

ing written proof of his injury.

Taylor suggests that a relevant clause should, in future, be inserted into contracts. He points out that, under Uefa regulations, he can insist that anyone attached to a foreign club be released for up to seven internationals a season. No such rule governs the release of players belonging to

domestic clubs. "This is the appropriate time to discuss the matter," he said. "I understand the pressure managers are under but, if we are going to be serious about giving priority to the England team, we have to do something now. Otherwise, we are in danger of

missing a great opportunity. "The players are trapped and they are the ones who are missing out. How can I make an assessment if they never turn up? I wouldn't say their careers are over but, because they are not gaining the necessary experience, they are effectively putting themselves out of contention."

No one was mentioned spe-

Wednesday), L. Dixon (Arsensi).
ENGLAND A (probable): D. Baeman (Arsensi), D. Rocastle
(Arsensi), D. Walker (Nottingham
Forest), G. Mabbutt (Totienham
Hotapur), M. Koown (Everion), S.
Psaros (Nottingham Forest), D.
Piatt (Barr), P. Stewart (Totienham
Hotapur), J. Barnes (Liverpool), G.
Lineker (Totienham Hotspur), P.
Merson (Arsensi) or M. Hateley

Wednesday), L'Dixon (Arsenal).

pulls out a member of any cifically by name but Paul senior or junior national Parker, though included in been able to appear in only the first fixture. It has also been reported that Neil document not be forthcom. Webb, his Manchester Uning, the player would not be ted colleague was unaware of the ailment that caused him to be withdrawn on Sunday.

Taylor, by now accustomed to working "with one hand tied behind my back," con-ceded that he has been forced to make only two unforeseen changes to his line-up to play Czechorlovakia here tomorrow. By chance, they are probably Parker and Webb.

He will almost certainly retain a formation featuring three central defenders, with Gary Mabbutt acting as the

spare man in place of the injured Mark Wright. Paul Stewart will stand in for Webb in midfield. David Rocastle is expected to fill the defensive position on the right flank and John Barnes will be restored to the unrestricted role behind the front two. Gary Lineker will lead the side only if he recov-ers from the viral infection that has reduced his voice to a

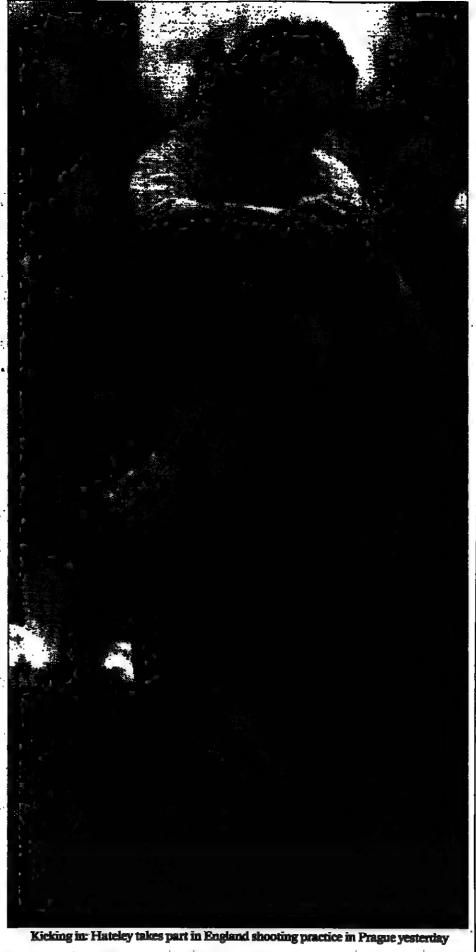
Taylor has chosen to pro mote David Seaman but stressed that he is stepping only temporarily out of Chris Woods's shadow. Likewise, "nothing should be read too deeply," into the relegation to today's B team of Alan Shearon his debut against France

On Sunday, he will represent Southampton in the Ze-nith Data Systems Cup final at Wembley. "He has played 54 games on the trot," Taylor said. "And he has a big game coming up. I like to bear things like that in mind."

The statement might have been designed to stir the conscience of his managerial col-

Hajduk Spit 3, Rijoto 0; Chaile Vintovoi
2 Verteirs Verszoln 1; Istre Puls 0, Zegreb
2 Ustrovnik 0, Initur Zaprosic 3; Hask
Gradjenski 2, Osijek 0, Leeding positions
(affar six matchos): 1, Hajduk Spik, 12pis;
2, Rijeka, 9; 3, Zagreb, 8.
CZECHOSLOVAK
LEAGUR: DAC
Duruştus Stroda 2, Sisvie Prague 2.
Bohemians Prague 0, Sloven Bestrielve 0;
Banik Ostrava 1, Tul Vittovice 0; Sparta
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positions (after 19 games): 1, Sloven
Bratistava 35ptr; 2, Sigma Otomouo, 31;
3, Sparta Prague, 23.
DANISH LEAGUE: Frem Copertingen 2,
EK 1903 Copenhagen 0; Lyngby 0, AGP
Aertuls 1; Silvaborg 1, Bonotoy 1,
Posigonesic Nasatved v Asis Asiborg,
DUTCH LEAGUE: Fre Grorringen 1
(Djurovat 51), Sparta Rottserdam 0.
FRENCH LEAGUE: Friday; Montpellier
2 (Divert 17, Ziober 54), Mantas 1 (Ferri SS). Saturday: Camaes 2 (Prico 37,
Omara Biyls 88), Toulouse 0; Lie Havre 1
(Garande 88), Lons of Lille 1 (Francisch
SO, Nilmes 1 (Vercuysee 39); Lyons 0,
Sochaus 1 (Vujovic 50); AS Monaco 3
(Gnato 45, Weeh 50, Foten 79), Metz 1
(Celderaro 77); Nancy 2 (Valreides 6, Garva
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BÓRD GAIS LEAGUE OF (RELAND: Premier division: Bohemiers 1, Athione Town 0; Coh. City 0, Drogheda United 0; Deny Chy 3, Sigo Rovers 1; Dundelt 0, Bray Wandeners 0; Galvey United 0, Shelbourne 6; Shemrook Rovers 2, St Petrick's Athletic 1.

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LBERTADORES CUP: Group 3:
Universided de los Andes (Ver) 0,
Bercelons (Ecuador) 1. Group 5: Defensor Sporting (Unu) 1, Sot de America (Para) 2.

ser Sporting (Uru) 1, Sel de America (Para) 2.
PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Farence 3, Vitória Guimarisse 0; GB Vizente 0, Seporting Lisbon 3; Boavesta 5, Estori 0, Seigueros 1, Terreense 1; PenaBel 0, CS Mantimo 1; Unido da Madeira 1, Pacos de Ferreira 2; Beura-Mar 1, Cheves 0; Benfion 2, FC Porto 3; Sporting Brags 1, Panalicas 0 Leading positions; 1, FC Porto, 48pts; 2, Benfios, 38; 3, Boavesta, 36.

Famalicas 0 Leading positions: 1, FC Porto, 46pts: 2, Benfox, 38, 3, Benwsta, 36, 100 AMANIAN LEAGUE: Sportul Student-esc 3, Corvinul Hunedoara 0, Ferul Corretants 3, Becau 0: Inter Sibiu 2, Dinamo Bucherest 2: Argee Priessi 1, Dacis Unirea Braila 2; FCM Brasov 1, Repid Bucharest 1; Steaus Bucharest 4, ASA Electromures 0: Universitates Crairova 0, Otelui Gelett 0, Potiethnica Timesoara 0, Electroputere Crairova 0; Glora Bistrita 1, FC Piciesti 1, Leading positions (atter 20 matches), 1, Denamo Bucharest, 35pts; 2, Steaus Bucharest, 29; 3, FC Piciesti, 25. Steous Bucharest, 29; 3, FC Piciesti, 25. Steous Bucharest, 35pts; 2, Steous Bucharest, 35pts; 2, Steous Bucharest, 29; 3, FC Piciesti, 25. Steous Bucharest, 35pts; 2, Steous Bucharest, 35pts; 2, Steous Bucharest, 35pts; 2, Steous Bucharest, 3, FC Piciesti, 25. Steous Bucharest, 3, Botta, 3,

RUGBY UNION

Players required to perform at professional level

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

upon the 1992 five nations' championship without refer-ence to the World Cup which preceded it by three months in the 1991-2 season players in Britain, Ireland and France were asked to perform at a level seldom required of professional team sportsmen. let alone the amateurs of rug-

by union. Scotland's international season, for example, started back in August against Ro-mania: their players have contested 11 full-cap matches and a tweifth of comparable stature against the Barbarions within seven months.

England, including the game against the USSR. played one less. Wales and Ireland, less successful and less structured in their representative programme, none-theless required the same time in preparation of their

Given the additional demands of the domestic programmes of the four home unions and it is no wonder that the five nations' championship, which ended on Saturday, has been a patchy tournament, relieved only by the sustained quality of England, grand-slam winners for the second successive season.

Their achievements. though, must be weighed against the calibre of the opposition: in any normal championship season at least two matches should be close-run affairs. When England won the 1980 grand slam France and Wales offered moments of nail-biting tension; when they won in 1991, Ireland and France posed

considerable problems.
In 1992 England's was a procession, records falling like files against the other four countries all of whom, for differing reasons, were in disarray.

That was scarcely En-gland's fault but makes it difficult to judge how signifi-cant is their advance. They have yet to beat Australia or New Zealand away from their Twickenham redcubt, or even in it since both those countries have won there within the last five months. But to have come so far within the last four years, in organisational and playing terms, is a dramatic improvement on the years of waste which went before.

IT IS impossible to reflect ues but is redefining playing standards. In so doing they
will drag Wales and Ireland
with them, willy-nilly,
because if those two countries wish to compete they must do so at home before they can hope to do so away; Scotland know well what is required and are limited only by the playing strength available to them and a significant lack of genuinely big forwards.

France have both but have yet to emerge from a welter of soul-searching.

It is a judgement on the five nations' championship as a whole that the most successful teams - England and France - have been able to be so without playing their best

England left wonderful memories, against Ireland and France, of power, pace, precision and patience; the French, reminiscent of times we thought long gone when selectors cast players aside like over-ripe fruit, intro-duced no fewer than 14 newcomers to the championship and, hardly surprisingly, took time to settle before sweeping Ireland aside at the weekend.

If I have a player of the tournament it would be Jonathan Webb, England's full back. Not merely because he broke individual and national records or that his goal-kicking under-pinned England's championship, or that he introduced a dynamic into the back play that Simon Hodgkinson in 1991 could not; but because as a person he sustained endearing elements of sanity and humour in a game having great difficulty coming to terms with commercialism and which, far too easily, is acquiring the less endearing habits of professional sports.

This year there is no British Isles tour; next year there will be, but were a Lions team to play the World Cup holders, Australia, on a firm Sydney playing surface in two months time, I would field the following on the basis of their 1992 championship form, regretting that I can find no place for Ian Smith, the Scottish open-side flanker, or Jason Leonard, England's loose-head prop:

flood tide which is sweeping away some cherished old val-

Orrell face dilemma

ORRELL have the right to appeal to the Rugby Football Union (RFU) against the de-cision of the Senior Clubs' Association (SCA) that their rearranged league match against Harlequins must be played on April 20 - two days after the final of the county championship, for which Lancashire hope to call upon the bulk of the Orrell first XV (David Hands

If Orrell win their four remaining league matches they will win the Courage Clubs Championship for the first time. If they beat Gloucester at home this Saturday their prospects will be enhanced but the other vital match is against Harlequins at the Stoop Memorial Ground, postponed from February 8. Club rather than county

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requirements would come first for Orrell's players but as yet John Arrowsmith, the Orrell secretary, has received no written confirmation of the new date. "We are not in a position to make any comment yet," he said yesterday: if an appeal is to be made it must be within seven days of the decision reaching Orrell. The SCA do not favour an

extension of the club season beyond the cup final date of May 2, which Orrell might see as their best alternative should they wish to help Lancashire's challenge for three county titles, at colts, under-21 and senior level.

☐ WEST London Institute of Higher Education will meet the Cardiff Institute at Cheltenham this evening in what will probably be the last British Colleges Cup final.

The second leg. Fifa decisions permitting, will be in San Juan on Saurday. FOR PRIEFMAN

ums for the finals.

fine form Alex Higgins produced fine snooker even though he trailed Alan McManus 5-4 after the opening session of their best-of-19-frame thirdround match in the Embassy world championship qualifying competition at The Guildhall, Preston, yesterday.

Colotti ahead

Cycling: Jean Claude Colotti, of France, woh the first stage of the 29th Catalan Week race in Lloret de Mar.

Same again

Tennis: Guy Forget and Henri Leconte, recovering from injuries, have been named to play in this weekend's Davis Cup quarter-final with Switzerland in Nimes.

Pickering races in Swimming: Karen Pickering set an English short-course record of 26.04sec at 50 metres freestyle at the Suffolk county championships in

Ipswich on Sunday.

Yasunda (Comercon) 1; Mitteth (Zeire) 1, Asanie Koloko (Ghana) 1; Mibelbane, Hightenders (Sweziland) 0, Misana Rad Devis (Zeinhal) 2; Surriss (Meuritius) 2, Setema (Manganari) 2, Arsonel (Lescotho) 2; Kempele City Council (Ligand) 1; Real Barnako (Meil) 2; Wyded Casablanca (Mor) 1, Young Africans (Tan) 0, Ismailia (Egypt) 2; Inter Stars (Burund) 2; Costar (Egypt) 2; Inter Stars (Burund) 2; Costar (Gronaria) 3; Arsonel (Ligand) 2; Costar (Mozambique) 0; Al Hithad (Libys) 1; Gor Mahia (Ken) 0; SC Prist (Cape Verde) 0, Club Africain (Tun) 0; Horriya Constry (Guinea) 2; Esperance (Tun) 0; Arsis (Misan) 2; Lisperance (Tun) 0; Arsis (Misan) 3; Lisperance (Misan) 3; Talleres 0, Union 0; San Lorenzo de Almagro 1; Quimbs 0; Argentinos Juniors 0; Platense 1; Lacidng positions (afler five matches): 1, Newell's Old Boys, 3pis; 2; River Pinta, 8; 3; Protense, 7; Austria Misan, 20pts; 2; FC Swarovski Tirol 0; Austria Satzburg 0; Rapid Wien, 2; Lasding positions: 1; Austria Wien, 20pts; 2; FC Swarovski Tirol, 19; 3; Rapid Wien, 18; Rielegation play-off: First Vienna 0; LaSK 0; Bell Gland 1; FC Lidgo 0; FC Bruges 1; RSC Charleroi 0, And Shent 1; Mechalen 0; Standard Lidge 1; Waregem 4, Kortrijk 2; Germinal Boaren 2; Austria Satzburg 0; Standard Lidge 1; Waregem 4, Kortrijk 2; Germinal Boaren 2; Austria Satzburg 0; Standard Lidge 1; Waregem 4, Kortrijk 2; Germinal Boaren 2; Austria Satzburg 0; Standard Lidge 3; Rasman 3; Agania 1; Andericcht, 40pts; 2; Cub Bruges, 30; 3; Standard Lidge, 37; Brazilian 1; Portuguesa 1; Gueran 2; Vasco da Gama 1; Sport 0; Leading positions (after ten misiches): 1; Vasco da Gama 1; Sport 0; Leading positions (after ten misiches): 1; Vasco da Gama 1; Sport 0; Santos 0; Fluminenco 1; Josephino 15; Josephino 16; Josephino 1 **BOUASH RACKETS** ST PETER PORT, Guernasy: Women's open championship: Final: S Devoy (NZ) bt M Le Molgnan (Eng), 9-5, 9-1, 9-4.

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HCCKEY ASSOCIATION CLUB TRO-PHY: Semi-finals: Mid-Suzeax 0, Shef-field Bankers 1; Chiswick Polytechnic 1, Surton Caldield 0.

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NATWEST WOMEN'S COUNTY
CHAMPIONSHIP, Midlands: Northants
3, Derbyshire O; Northants O, Warvickshire 6; Nottinghamshire 1, Worcestershire 7; Sustinutshire 6, Bedfordshire 0.
West: Hersfordshire 1, Comwell 2, Avon
0, Dorsel 3; Gloucestershire 1, Devon 3;
Comwell 1, Willishire 2; Herefordshire 3,
Somersel 1.

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WELSH CUP: Finel: Swanses 3, Cardiff
1. South Wales Cup: Whitchurch 1,
Lianishen LLandaff 0.

BASKETBALL CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Mex: First divi-sion: Manchester Glants 83, Kingston 107; Hemel Hempetsed Royals 81, Wor-thing Sears 100; Birmingham Bullets 106, Lelcester Riders 98; Darby Bucks 99, Sunderland Saints 56; London Towers 97, Thames Valley Tigars 82; Sunderland Saints 74, Cheshira Jets 106. TENNIS

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida: Lipton International: Men's singles: Final: M Chang (US) bit A Menchil (Ang), 7-5, 7-5.

ATP RANKINGS: 1, 3 Edberg (Swe), 3.419 points; 2, J Courier (US), 3.397; 3, Becider (Gen), 2.757; 4, P Sampres (US), 2.824; 5, M Stich (Gen), 2.476; 6, M Chang (US), 2.333; 7, G Forque (Pr), 1.571; 8, G Ivanisovio (Croatia), 1.856; 9, I Lend (Cz), 1.60. Money witners: 1, Courier, \$483, 170; 2, Chang, \$396,310; 3, Edberg, \$278,80; 4, Ivanisovio (Croatia), 1.856; 9, I Lend (Cz), 1.60. Money witners: 1, Courier, \$483, 170; 2, Chang, \$396,310; 3, Edberg, \$278,80; 4, Ivanisovio, \$268,065; 5, Bectus, \$249,840; 6, Sampres, \$199,600; 7, W Ferreira (SA), \$165,369; 6, M Manisovio (US), \$163,525; 9, A Mendouri (Isr), \$161,550; 10, O Camponese (I), \$157,105.

WOMEN: 1, M Seles (Yug); 2, S Graf (Gen); 3, G Sabettin (Ang); 4, M Narvatilovs (US); 5, A Sanchtez-Vicario (So); 6, C Martinar (So); 9, M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz); 10, J Novotna (Cz), Money with (US); 7, M-J Fernandez (US); 6, C Martinar; 1, Seles, \$397,684 dollars; 2, Sanchez-Vicario, \$308,419; 3, Sanchial, \$247,453; 4, Fernandez (US), \$229,783; 5, Graf, \$157,500; 6, H Sutova (Cz), \$118,875; 7, Novratiove (US), \$127,250; 8, Z Garrison (US), \$108,84; 9, Martinez, \$102,008; 10, N Provis (Aus), \$33,286. TENNIS .

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10, G Evans (£rg), £49,227.

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Pakistan team running on adrenalin present Gooch's team with a tall order for World Cup final

England prepare for the unpredictable

IN MELBOURNE IN A World Cup where the dread instincts of every country have been dominated by the weather, it is appropriate that England's opponents in the final here tomorrow are Pakistan, who would have been heading home long ago but for a timely downpour the

last time the teams met. Pakistan's woeful start to the tournament culminated in being bowled out by England for 74 in Adelaide, almost a month ago. When rain spared them certain defeat, they received the single point by which they squeezed Australia out of a semi-final place last week.

There is nothing woeful about Pakistan's cricket now. The length of the competition has allowed them time to revert from bungling inepti-tude to the unpredictable brilliance which makes them such difficult opponents. They have won four consecutive games, two against the previously unbeaten New Zealand, to reach their first final more convincingly than England have reached their

Having thrillingly chased 263 to win their semi-final. Imran Khan's team will be high on adrenalin and selfbelief. Such qualities should not be absent from the England dressing-room but there can be no accounting for the subconscious deflation of being handed their place in the final by a nonsensical rule rather than by winning it authentically.

Only the myopic could attach any blame to England for the way in which the World Cup. and cricket itself. was demeaned by the flasco on Sunday. But now that the nightmare has been enacted. the palpably had rule wrecking a semi-final, the private Should this happen twice, not fear among administrators is impossible in Melbourne, ing a semi-final, the private

THE Melbourne Cricket

Ground (MCG), which stages

the World Cup final, is the

largest cricket ground in the

world, its capacity recently

enlarged to 108,000 by the

ern Stand. With Australia

eliminated, that figure will

not be tested tomorrow, when

The MCG staged the first

ever Test match, in 1877, and

was the main stadium for the

1956 Olympics.

a 90,000 crowd is expected.





ENGLAND (from): G A Gooch (capt), IT Botham, A J Stewart, G A Hick, N H Fairbrother, A J Lamb, C C Lewis, D A Reeve, P A J DeFreitas, R K Illing-worth, G C Small, R A Smith, D R Pringle, P C R Tufnell. R Pringle, P C R Tufnell.
PAKISTAN (from): Imran Khan
(capt), Ramiz Raja, Aamir
Sohail, Inzamam-Ul-Haq, Javed
Miandad, Salim Malik, Ijaz Ahmed, Wasim Akram, Moin
Khan, Mushtaq Ahmed, Iqbal
Sikander, Aqib Javed, Wasim
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that it could happen again

Not even the members of the World Cup committee, three each from Australia and New Zealand, now bother to argue the merits of their rule, and there is no possibility that it will pertain for the next World Cup, wherever it is staged. Equally, there was never a hope that it could be altered or abandoned once the competition was under way, the cup final has to take its chance,

been left to chance, the allowance of three days for the final a wise safeguard against even Melbourne's fickle weather. But nothing is quite as It seems in this tournament. Three days there may be, but there is no provision for the game being sensibly carried over if rain interferes, as

would happen in England. The cut-off point is after 25 overs of the second innings. If the game does not reach that mark, then all previous play is scrapped and a restart is made the following day.

Cricket's first attendance of

over 90.000 watched the Sat-

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against West Indies at the

MCG in 1961 and a total of

350,534 were present over

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passed, the match is handed over to the weather gods and iawmakers. Heaven help the credibility of cricket in general, and Australian cricket in particular, should the shambles of Sunday be repeated. This may seem far-fetched but bear in mind that Austra-

these two teams could con-

ceivably share 248 overs be-

If the 25-over mark is

fore the final is decided.

lia is now well into autumn and that 11 of the 38 matches so far have already required the application of the infamous rain rule. Quite the most staggering statistic is that in eight of those 11 games, the team winning the toss chose to bat second, the most recent being South Africa on Sunday.

the six days of the third Test While certain captains were The world's first video cricket scoreboard was erectdoubtless sabotaged by uned at the MCG in 1982 and foreseeable weather, others, floodlights were installed in South Africa's Kepler Wessels included, took calculated risks against the discrimina-1985, producing a magnificent setting for both the traditory regulation. Graham Gooch was at pains, on Sunday night, to pass comment on the way this

regulation has prevented cap-tains applying normal cricketing logic to their deci-sions. As Imran is already on record as saying he would not dare gamble with the weather neither team will be keen to bowl first tomorrow.

When England do bat,

their problems may emanate as much from their own

Paths to the fine ENGLAND

61, G A Gooch 51), India 227 (R J Shastri 57). Melbourne: West Indies 157 (K L T Arthurton 54), England 180-4 (G A Gooch 65, G A Hick 54). Adelside: Pakieten 74, England 24-1 — no result. Sydney: Australia 171 (T M Moody 51; I T Botham 4-31), England 173-2 (G A Gooch 58, I T Botham 53). Beliarat: England 280-8 (N H Feirbrother 83, A J Stewart 59), Sri Lanka 174 (C C Lewis 4-30). Melbourne: South Africa 234-8 (K C Wessela 85, A Hudson 79), England 226-7 (A J Stewart 77, N H Fairbrother 75 not out) — England's target revised to 225 in 41 overs. Wellington: England 200-8 (G A Hock 58), New Zealand 201-3 (A H Jones 78, M D Crowe 73 not out).

Albury: Zimbabwe 134, England 125 (E A Brandes 4-21). Sydney (semi-final): England 252-6 (G A Hick 83), South Africa 232-6. PAKISTAN

Methourne: Pakisten 220-2 (Ramiz Raja 102, Javed Mianded 57 not

tion, Allan Lamb even lower. Lamb, indeed, could find himself out of the side if Robin Smith recovers from a

pinched nerve in his back. Alec Stewart's consistency earned him promotion to No. 3 on Sunday and that is how things should best stay. Graeme Hick, who has made three half-centuries in the tournament, is such a good player of spin that England will happily have him coming in against one of the main

Pakistan danger men, the leg spinner. Mushtaq Ahmed. With a bouncing, whirling action that is so reminiscent of Abdul Qadir, Mushtaq has

WORLD CUP FACTS AND FIGURES out), West Incles 221-0 (D L Haynes 93 not out, B C Lara 88 retired hort). Hobart: Pakistan 254-4 (Aamer Sohali 114, Javed Mianded 89), Torbohara 201-7

Prize within reach: Gooch, the England captain, and Imran, his opposite number, who meet in the World Cup final tomorrow

Sohali 62). Brisbane: South Africa 211-7 (A C Hudson 54), Pakistan 173-8, Perth: Pakistan 220-9 (Aamer Sohali 78), Australia 172. Perth: Sri Lanka 212-8, Pakistan 216-8 (Javed Mandad 57, Salim Malik 51). Malk 51). Christchurch: New Zealand 168 (Wasim Algam 4-32), Pakistan 187-3 (Ramiz Raja 119 not out).

England are 8-11 favouriles with William Hill to win the final, Pakistan's odds have shortened from 5-4 to 11-10.

20 runs apiece and his googly and top-spinner have barnboozled some distinguished,

in-form players. Plainly, the other great threat to England's batting will come from Wasim Akram. With 15 wickets so far, Akram could easily end up as the champion bowler of the competition; he will certainly, however, end up as the champion bowler of wides, with no fewer than 42

aiready. Imran has tended to encourage Akram, and his other bowlers, to dismiss from their minds the worry of conceding wides in order to attack

Television and radio The finel, which starts at 04.30GMT tomorrow, will be covered live by Sky Sports and Radie 5. BBC1 will broadcast 30 minutes of highlights

end 1967.
They lost the first finel, at Lord's, by 92-runs, ecoring 194 in reply to 4west: Indies' 285 for nine. At Descrits, eight years fater, Australia made 253 for five and England tell

made 253 for rive and seven runs short.

England are the only country to have reached the semi-finals in all five tournaments. Although Pakings and previously reached

Cups.

England and Pakistan have met in 30 previous ons-day internationals, England winning 19 matches and Pakistan ten, with one no result. Six of these meetings have been in the World Cup, with these wints for England ten, for

dangerous when the captain gives them their head; sometimes, too, it seems they are at their most effective amid constant internal bickering, usually orchestrated by Javed

Considering he was laid low with a suspected stomach ulcer a few weeks back. Javed's influence on the Pakistan revival has been im-mense. His half-century on Saturday was his fourth of the tournament and, while he no longer seems equipped to

around him. Inzamam-ul-Haq has only however, nothing is ever

twice shown the formidable.

15 in the 1992 competition; 27 wickets v Pakistan.

Ramiz Raja: 690 runs in the World Cup, with three hundreds (equaling Richards's record); 533 runs against England.

Alian Lamb: 625 runs in the World Cup; 655 runs v Pakistan, including 118 on debut.

Imran places such faith, both times when it was necessary within a punishing run-chase. One thing is certain: if England bowl as loosely as, at stages, they did on Sunday. he will be greatly encouraged

Pakistan and one no result.

Leading England and Pakistan performers in one-day matches are: Jayed Miandad: 971 runs in the

Graham Gooch: 858 runs in the World Cup (beaten only by Rich-ards, Mandad and Crowe); 357 runs v Paklatan with highest score (142) in matches between the two

Imman Khan: record 33 wickets in the World Cup; 22 wickets against England

to do it a third time.
England are sufficiently concerned about the control of their attack to try to patch up Derek Pringle with a painkilling injection. If this succeeds, and if Lewis operates as he can, rather than as engage top gear, the team's he did in the semi-final, they innings invariably revolves still ought to be good enough. still ought to be good enough. With Pakistan in opposition.

Imran flays the rain rule

THE GREAT rain-rule con-troversy still dominated the World Cup yesterday as England joined Pakistan in Melbourne to prepare for the final tomorrow.

Imran Khan, the Pakistan captain, assailed the organising committee for staging the competition at the end of the Australian summer and for the regula tions for rain-affected

South Africa were the latest victims of the rain rule in their semi-final against England in Sydney on Sunday. The South Africans lost by 19 runs after a stoppage for rain near the fin-ish. Their target of 22 from the last 13 balls was revised under tournament rules to an impossible 21 off one ball, after a time when players and spectators were confused about exactly how many deliveries were to be

Imran said: "I think it's a ridiculous rule. The World Cup is too precious, it's once in four years, we shouldn't have a rule like this which decides the fate of the team." He said the best remedy was to play

extra time.

They should have had an extra day, like they had World Cupl," Imran said. "I suppose people did not ex-pect it to rain in Australia. but then they should have had the World Cup in the middle of the cricket season and not at the tail-end. In the previous World Cups, it was right in the middle of the cricket sea-

Kepler Wessels, the South African captain, called for more balanced rules governing rain interruptions. "The consensus is to finish the game on one particular day, but it may be better to continue the game into the second day." he said in reference to the reserve days set aside for semi-finals and final only.

Peter Roebuck, former captain of Somerset, writing in a Sydney newspaper. said it was "one of the mos shambolic finishes of this illustrious game". Roebuck wrote: "Seldom can so much harm have been done to any game by the applica-tion of finicky rules by authorities who plainly knew

no better."
The World Cup committee which decided on the rain rule—and all the other regulations—consists of Malcolm Gray, former chairman of the Australian Cricket Board (ACB). David Richards, chief executive of the ACB, Des Rundle, its treasurer, Graham Dowling former New Zealand Test captain and now chief executive of the New Zealand Cricket Association, and two other New Zea-landers, Peter McDermott

and Barry Paterson. In Delhi, Sunil Gavaskar, the former Indian captain and other commentators is savaged rule-makers as

players being off the boil as from the Pakistanis' diverse talents. Gooch and Ian Botham are averaging only in the mid-20s for the competialready taken 13 wickets at



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Chelsea challenge date of purchase

By DENNIS SIGNY

AN APPEAL by Chelsea foot-ball club in the High Court yesterday may delay completion of their purchase of the Stamford Bridge ground this week for £22.85 million.

Completion day for the sale has been agreed for Thursday, following a recent High Court ruling that Chelsea and SB Property Company Limited, the owners, should set an immediate date to finalise the

Chelsea, though, have made a counter claim for damages of more than £20 million. David Neuberger QC, for the club, told the court yesterday that they could have received £15.8 million for the ground in 1989, the year after they exercised their option to buy, and they also claimed a further £6-8 million. The club had sustained loss because of the subsequent collapse of the property market. He agreed with Lord Justice Dillon that the club feit that all other legal matters should be dealt with before completion of the ground purchase.

Anthony Scrivener QC, for SB Property, said the judge at the previous hearing had called Chelsea's claim for damages "nebulous". If the property was not purchased now there could be further delays "going on for years". The hearing continues today. ☐ Stephen Pears, the Middlesbrough goalkeeper, has had an operation on the cheekbone injury that ruled him out of England's trip to Czechoslovakia. Lennie Lawrence, the dub manager, said: "A specialist has talked about a six-week lay-off but Pears is determined to play against Charlton Athletic on

Saturday." ☐ The Professional Football-Year award this weekend. Leading nominations are:

ers Association will announce the winner of its Player of the

World Cup to use indoor arena BY STUART JONES POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

FIFA yesterday guaranteed that new ground would be broken when the World Cup finals are staged in the United States in 1994. Sepp Blatter, the world governing body's chief executive, announced in New York yesterday that one of the nine chosen venues is the Pontiac Silverdome in Detroit.

The largest enclosed arena in the world, it will house the first World Cup-tie to be played indoors. The home of the Detroit Lions, it was used for the 1981 Super Bowl as well as for the Pope, Madonna and the Rolling Stones. A month ago, the United

States beat the Commonwealth of Independent States 2-1 there in front of a crowd lower than half of its full capacity, 78,000. The game was played on artificial surface, which is to be replaced by grass grown elsewhere and laid especially for the tournament in two years.

The Silverdome was chosen ahead of the Superdome in New Orleans, the other indoor arena under consideration, and represents a personal triumph for Roger Faulkner. Born in Derby, he was one of the pioneers of the North American Soccer League and was the head of Michigan's bid.

Apart from the novel value, which ensures that the World Cup will leave a significant footprint in history, the location was ideal. Detroit can be reached within four hours by the whole of the Canadian

BOSTON: Foxboro Stadium. Seats 61,000 in a city with large firsh and talian communities. Boston last year hosted an international between the United States and Ireland that attracted more than 51,000 spectators.

CHICAGO: Soldier Field. With a capacity of 66,814, this ground is the home of the NFL's Chicago Bears. Known as Windy City, Chicago houses the headquarters of the US Soccer Federation. DALLAS: The Cotton Bowl. Known internationally for its annual socca-

internationally for its ensuel soccar youth tournament, Dallas is the home of American Airlines, a major sponsor of the 1994 World Cup. DETROIT: The Silverdome Situated in Pontlac, Michigan, it will be the first indoor stadium to be used in the competition's history. Seating 72,794, it will have natural grass laid on top of its artificial turf to conform to Fifa regulations. Normally it houses the NFL's Detroit Lions and has been a Super Bowl venue. Pitch is slightly narrower

population and half of the United States.
Soldier Field, the comparatively ancient home of the

Chicago Bears, is the other arena selected in the Midwest. Fifa has also broken with tradition by choosing Giants stadium in East Rutherford. New Jersey, in the

Although the playing area is two yards narrower than

than the Fife regulated 110 x 75

yards.

LOS ANGELES: The Rose Bowl. In Pasadena, this stadium seats 102,083 and was the ground on which the 1984 Olympic football final was staged.

NEW JERSEY: Glants Stadium. Home of two NFL sides, the New York Giants and New York Jets, it holds 78,891. Previously the stadium housed the world renowned Cosmos football chib, which attracted leading players including Palé and Best.

ORLANDO: The Florida Citrus.

ORLANDO: The Florida Citrus Bowl. Seats 60,000 in the City most famous for Disney World, which hopes to boost an already thriving tournament

SAN FRANCISCO: Stanford stadrum, Holding 86,000, it has staged two NFL Super Bowl finals and football in the 1984 Olympics.

permitted in Fifa's regulations, the flaw was overlooked. The Americans felt that it was vital for one of the venues to be near New York. Among the surprising omis-sions is the Joe Robbie Stadium in Miami. The Citrus Bowl in Orlando was preferred in Florida instead and it may be significant that one of the leading sponsors of the tournament is Disney.

Atlanta, the hosts of the Olympics in 1996, was also overlooked but two of the sites used for the Los Angeles Games in 1984 were selected. They include the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, which can accommodate 104,000 spectators and will be the biggest arena in the World Cup. The Coliseum in Los Ange-

les was the main Olympic venue eight years ago but, because planned refurbishments have yet to start, it has been discarded. Fifa will announce, at its congress in Zurich in July, where the final is to be held. The probable location is the RFK Stadium in Washington, which could also feature the opening tie.

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Lucky Jim and the slave trade

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that is the life of the modern university teacher, according

to a new book. Philip Thody begs.

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joined the academic profession on October 1, 1954, at the beginning of what is now seen as a golden age. If it didn't look like that to me at the time, this was mainly because my first job was a four-term, temporary assistant lectureship. On January 1, 1956 my appointment would end, and I would be out on my ear, looking for work in a profession where most appointments run from October to October.

This unusual arrangement had been set up to suit the convenience of the Professor of French, who was going on sabbatical by a slow boat to his native New Zealand. To compensate me for my inconve-nience, I was to be paid £500 a year instead of the £450 at which assistant lecturers usually started, and I would have been prepared to settle for less. The Robbins Report was still an unseen gleam in somebody's eye, and five other clever and hungry young men, out of the 50 or so applicants, had been invited for interview for the

My foolbardiness paid off. Another university proved ready to appoint me, on January 1, 1956, as an ordinary assistant lecturer, and I began, slowly, to catch glimpses of the possible future gold. Life was not ideal. My new professor was not much of an improvement on the sun-worshipping vegetarian who had proudly informed me, as he embarked for Wellington, that he was not going to have to look at a book for more

than a year.
Until the early 1960s some universities still practised the sys-tem, referred to on one occasion by the Oxford sociologist A H Halsey in his latest book Decline of Donnish Dominion*, by which assistant lecturers were used as a cheap form of slave labour. They were appointed for three years, with no prospect of a permanent job, and replaced at the end of that time by somebody just as cheap, and just as vulnerable to the

bullying whims of their professor. Within a week of taking up my new appointment I realised that there were circumstances in which the Professor Welsh of Kingsley Amis's Lucky Jim could seem by comparison a generous, far-sighted. Sarned and intelligent man, eminently suited to the profession whose salary scales enabled him to draw a salary four times of the assistant lecturer.

Decline of Donnish Dominion, The British Academic Professions in the Twentieth Century, Clarendon Press, Oxford, £40

When, in December 1956, my

new professor and his wife conde-(protocol forbade junior members of staff from inviting anyone as senior as him to dinner), the atmosphere was admirably summed up by the question which his wife asked him over the Marmite sandwiches: "Yes, my dear, I've always wondered. Where do assistant lecturers go, in winter time?"

The dawn came, of course, as I now realise that it was inevitable it would. Not only had I joined a profession that was about to expand. I also belonged to the group with the highest statistical chance of becoming a professor. male pupils from a state school. with a First from Oxford, Cambridge or London, and who published a number of books early in their career. I was also a member. as I realised later, of the demographically favoured group which was exactly the right age to benefit from the Robbins Report. Like a subaltern commissioned into the regular army in 1939, and blessed with a magic invulnerability to shells and builets, I could not

avoid becoming a professor.

I have enjoyed the experience. and tried to give better value for money than that clown I replaced in my first job and the paranoiac who did everything he could to make my life a misery in my

If I recognise relatively little of my own experience in Professor Halsey's book, it is partly because I have been very lucky. I have had

very co-operative colleagues and extremely efficient secretaries. The combination has enabled me, by mixing an instinctive gift for delegation with an acquired guile in the arrangement of the timetable, to devote an average of three hours a day in term time either to research, to writing articles for newspapers, to making highly enjoyable trips to London for the civil service or to visiting other universities to give lectures.

My sinuation is consequently very different from that of the female sociologist in one of the new universities who told Professor Halsey that she had to work "60-70 hours a week . . . to get any scholarly work done". I suspect that she has been hornswoggled into serving on too many asinine committees - the statutory female, unable to counteract the fact that the participation of women in academic life is, as Professor Halsey puts it, "patchy, passionate

But even if she does have to spend more than 30 hours a week dealing with the "increase in demands for student contact" and "increasing administrative de-mands", that can only be for 36 weeks a year. If she is in the right job, the rest of her time is not spent on "work" in the normal sense of the word. It is spent pursuing the activities which give her the greatest satisfaction and which will win her the approval of her peers.

It is this opportunity, especially enjoyed by academics in an arts faculty, of being paid to pursue their hobby, which makes me less

indignant than Professor Halsey thinks his readers ought to be that salaries have remained stationary in real terms, while those of other professions have "risen by a third since 1975", and that the average salary of a university teacher in Great Britain, which was 3.7

'If British industry had performed as well as the universities we should easily be as rich as the Japanese.

times that of a manual worker in 1928/9, had fallen to only 1.54 times in 1988/9.

Bully for the manual worker, I say. The people who create the wealth that enables Professor Halsev and me to write our books rarely give the impression of doing something interesting. And they never enjoy the priceless gift of being able to work, for the most part, when it suits them and not when their employer tells them.

I naturally think that my junior colleagues, especially in science, should get more money. But the fall in academic salaries, as Professor Halsey acknowledges, was inevitable from the moment that

the Robbins expansion took off and the 4 per cent annual growth rate in the British economy - on which its assumptions were based - did not take place. I can see no reason why I should be paid more than a schoolteacher. Unlike me, he works in difficult, often dangerous conditions, has much less time to pursue his hobby, and does a job

of far more obvious use to society. I do not, in saying this, seek to decry the universities. As Professor Halsey points out, they have served the country well. Trinity College, Cambridge, houses 28 Nobel Laureates compared with seven for the whole of Japan. If British industry, business and commerce had performed as well as the universities have over the past 40 years, we should easily be as rich as the Japanese. The universities also do quite a good job in promoting social mobility. Compared to eight other Europe-an countries with "the same class structure of occupations" we come top in the proportion of graduates coming from outside the middle

France is bottom, which is one in the eye for Raymond Williams, who, as Professor Halsey puts it, "makes the acid point that those who could be called intellectuals in other countries are in Britain mostly brought up in a system of class which includes leading politicians, civil servants, company directors and lawvers". If you miss out the crack about private education (an allegation contradicted by the finding in Decline of Donnish

Dominion that you are statistically more likely to get a First if you come from a state rather than a public school), this is surely a good thing. I explain the relative sanity

which British academics show in their political opinions by the fact that they do not constitute a separate intelligentsia. It was, after all, a French sociologist, Alain_Touraine who, "after the May Events, sketched a view of the university as a polarised factor of intellectual production, owned, managed and controlled in the interests of the ruling class", and Professor Halsey's earlier reference to these events as a disaster suggests that this is a view which he considers, as Jeeves did the philosophy of Nietzsche, to fundamentally unsound.

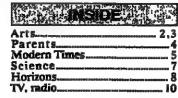
I am, as the Americans would say, chronologically challenged, and about to be put out to grass, and I feel that the system has done me proud. I'm glad that the differential in salary between arts professors and their non-professional colleagues has gone down to about 1.8:1, and that the power of the professorate has been reduced.

Even if I had not been anxious to be as little like my first two professors as possible, the general change in relationships among colleagues would have compelled me to act in a more humane and considerate manner as well as to take my job seriously. The greater equality between members of the same profession is one of the several bonus points which Professor Halsey's rather gloomy assess-

ment fails to take into account. He also exaggerates when he argues that it is no longer the academics who decide what is taught in universities but their students, and no longer the scientists and scholars who choose their research topics but the civil servants and businessmen who provide the ex-

ternal funding. This is not a change I have noticed myself, although I might have been more conscious of the threat to independent research if I had been at Salford or Aston in the early 1980s. It is true that we're being made to go modular, and cannot therefore make quite such exclusive claims on our students' time as we did in the past. But we still decide what is taught, and the changes in my own subject have not been dictated either by students or by civil servants. If I now do most of my teaching in French, and talk more about France and the Common Market than about Proust or symbolist poetry, that is because I think it is a good thing on academic grounds.

It is also what my students want. Philip Thody is professor of French Literature at Leeds university



TOMORROW 150 years of the Vienna Phil

Peaceful pleasures of being past it

Two cock pheasants were squaring up to each other in the field behind the house this morning. Their daft heads were about four inches apart, their eyes locked in the March madness of the toe-to-toe. I watched them for about ten minutes, while I was dressing. Their plumage shook, their heads bobbed up and down, as if their pea-brains were magnets of identical poles. It may be foolish to anthropomorphise a pheasant but the scene did look comically familiar — much like the lads in The Sorrel Horse at closing time, facing-off over an unseemly glance at Nicola. At such moments, it feels great to be settled in mid life, a condition otherwise known as being past it.

The cocks finally worked themselves up into combat. The old champ in the blue-green drawers launched himself at the young contender, aiming a below-thebelt talon. The young pretender immediately took fright and flight and spun into the air. The older, heavier champion was slower to get off the ground and flapped in pursuit. Closing for the killer blow, he tried to aim a right cross, unsettled himself in flight and nose-dived close to the ground. They both landed near to the fence, where they recomposed them-selves with deep breaths and consoling worms, as if they were feeling "Thank God we don't have to do that again". This scene of testosterone-driven

absurdity reminded me of my own last and ridiculous fight, 22 years ago come Easter. I had gone to meet an old school friend at a local five-a-side tournament. Some local boys took against our appearance. I was favouring an Easy Rider look of motorbike jacket and Peter Fonda shades: my friend tended more to the George Harrison style of long Afghan coat and grannie specs. The local boys barracked MID LIFE: Neil Lyndon on the pea-brain scraps of youth

length, their champion and I locked horns, running up and down the field for 20 yards aiming kicks and punches at each other. When we were too exhausted to continue, we fell apart, panting and bleeding and glad to agree that honour was satisfied. As we separated, an old man walked by, pushing his bike, wearing a flat cap, raincoat and bicycle clips. He looked at me through rheumy eyes and said, very deliberately, "I seen girls fight better'n 'at".

Thank God I'll never have to do that again. Contrary to the legend that all young men love violence and are made for it, the truth is that they are, like the birds, fearfully incompetent in a fight. specs. The local boys barracked and jeered us into a rage and, at pecs and biceps — all that comes



indeed, as second nature to adolescent boys as to fighting cocks; but the techniques of landing clean and damaging blows and escap-ing unharmed yourself is as foreign a study to most young men as Finnish. Speaking of which, we come to examinations.

I have never felt so glad not to be young as I did a few nights ago when I was talking to the 19-yearold daughter of a friend about her coming "mocks" and the weeks of trial she faces in June.

'Are you anxious?" I asked "No, I'm not anxious," she said. "I'm petrified with terror. This is my one and only chance: if I make a mess of these exams, my life will

Poor hen. What can we say to comfort her? A 19-year-old cannot know what a 45-year-old has discovered - that a life is not ruined by an examiner's ruling or fouled-up interview but is a steady accumulation of balls-ups, failures and mistaken moves, no single one of which is finally fatal I could have told her that all the

anxiety which twisted me awake at night over exams was worthless and, further, that the degree to which they all lead has been perfectly useless. No potential employer has asked to see it. I could have claimed a double first in mathematics and nobody would ever have questioned it.

All those young cocks and hens who are now squaring up to the tourney of the examinations should take an hour off to watch the video of Peggy Sue Got Married. They may find consolation there in the scene where Kathleen Turner, time-warped from her middle-age back to her high-school mathematics class, tells the teacher"I happen to know that I shall never, in all my life, have use for trigonometry". The greatest regret of her midlife, she discovers, is that she did not take her chance to bond with the class

stud and poet outlaw. I know that regret: what troubles me now about my school years is not the cock-up I made of the European History paper but the failure of my feeble heart to make known its

yearnings for Brenda Wareham. There are, however, two reasons why I should not wish to be 18 again and open my heart to that sonsy lady bright of the Upper Sixth: first, it would mean that I should have to sit the European History paper again; and, second, it would mean that I should have to go eyeball-to-eyeball with Alan Clements, jealous guardian of all that pulchritude. Given the choice, now, between a double first or a tryst with Brenda Wareham, 1 would unhesitatingly take the date. If, however, that chance of bliss also required me to act like a brainless cock pheasant, I should have to decline and declare, with Chevalier, that I am ecstatically happy to be past it.

> TOMORROW Single Life: Lynne Truss

2nd June, 1992 An important date for English Silver

Our London silver sale in February realised £1.2 million with more than 90% of lots sold of which over 60% achieved prices on or above the high estimate. This proves that current demand remains buoyant and the market for English silver is strong. We already have some outstanding items for our next sale on 2nd June, including a magnificent Paul de Lamerie tureen made in 1736.



CLOSING DATE: 31ST MARCH

The June sale also features some exceptional Elizabethan spoons, Carolean tankards, Georgian candlesticks and coffee pots and other important pieces. We would welcome fine items for inclusion in this sale, the closing date for which is the end of this month. So, if you are considering selling, please contact Peter Waldron or Elleen Goodway of our Silver Department on 071-408 5104/5100, as soon as possible.

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET: Tonight brings the world premiers

Oark Horizons, Oliver Hindle's ne Devis Charlographes for a value of the men. The semile programme also features Galina Samaova's new production of Lee Sylphides and Hans van Manen's fiery Latin number, Five Tangos. Sadier's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916) 7.30pm.

AHMAD JAMAL TRIO: The America jezz premet much levoured by Miles Davis and considered to have influenced the trumpeter considerably, arrives in London for two dates Jazz Café, 15a Parkway, London NW1 (071-284 4358), 8.30pm.

THE JUDAS TREE: Despite its title. Kenneth MacMillan's newest beliet is relither Biblical por religious, but it is about a man betraying his best intend Choreographed for 14 man and one women from the Royal Ballel, The Judas Ties Includes two murders, one rapa and a hencing in the space of 40 and a hanging in the space of 40 minutes. The commissioned score by Brian Elies Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1068), 7.30pm,

FIGYAL PHILNARMONIC ORCHESTRA: In the first of two concerts at the Barbican this week, orchestra is joined by the distinguis plantet Dmith Alexeev. The plantet Umith Alexeev. The programme, conducted by Andrew Litton, comprises Verdi's overture to Litton, comprises Verdi's overture to La Forza del Destino, Rachmennov's Plano Concerto No 2, and Beethoven' Symphony No 7. On Saturday the orchestra performs Elgar'a The Dream of Geronius under the direction of Sir Charles (Empse Charles Groves. Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.45pm.

☐ ANNA KARLÉNINA: Plair and imagination in Shared Expenence's rewarding version of Toistoy's novel. Tricycle, killion High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Set, 8pm., mat Set, 4pm. 165mins.

THE COTTON CLUB: An impression of the Harlem rightspot high on energy, low on story freshnass, Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 8404) Mon-Fn, 7-30pm, Sat. 8pm, meta Wed, 2.30pm, Sat. 4pm 150mins. ☐ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Fnel's Okver Award-winning memory-play, set in Thirties Donegal Sarrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, Spm. mate Thurs, Spm. Sat, 4pm. 150mins. Final

E DRATH AND THE MAIDEN Julies Steverson, Michael Byrne, Bill Palerson superb in Anel Dorfman's Chäesn political drama. Beet play of 1991. Duke of York's, St Martin's Lans, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 8pm, pale Thus See mats Thurs, Som, Sat, 4pm. 120mins

III DOWN AND OUT IN PARIS AND LONDON: Psines Plough make Orwell wintly book a feast of clever staging and sharp vignettes of eating Plyeraide Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354), Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. 135mm.

 AN EVENING WITH GARY
LINERER: Sometimes doct look at the
fantages of a watern mented to a eoccer nut. Duchasa, Catherine Street, WC2 (071-494 5075), Mon-Thurs, Spm, Fn, Set, Spm and 8.45pm, 130mins.

☐ GOOD HOCKIN, LOVILE Satisfying musical celebrating Fifting and Strites pop classics. Great stuff, Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue (071-838 4401), Mon-Thum, Spm, Pn, Set, § 30pm and 8.30pm 135mins. A HARD HEART: Architect Anne Minery destroys what she daims to love in Berker's complex, and play. Almeids, Almeids Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sal, Spm, met Sal, 4pm.

MEASURE FOR MEASURE: Travor Numria angrossing production-David Heig fatally rempted by Cleare Dismise in Fraud's Vienna. Young Vic., The Cut. 3E1 (071-820 0411/928 6363), Mon-Sat, 7.15pm, meta Thura, Sat, 2pm. 210mina.

NEW RELEASES APOCALYPSE NOW (18): Copposit is agent with orders to kill Marion

Brando's rogue Colonel. MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025). LA BELLE NOISEUSE (16): Jacques Rivelte's hypnotic exploration of a painter and his model, struggling to complete an abandoned canvas. Close to il masterpiece With Michel Piccoli, Emmanuelle Béart, Jane Birkin, Chelses (071-351 3742/3743) Metro

(071-437 0757) Renoir (071-637 8402) BUGSY (16): Warren Beatty as Bugsy Siegel, the gangater who invented Las Vagas. Steek, witty, dazzing to behold Sterming Amette Berling; director, Berry Levinson. Odeon Laleaster Square (0428 915633).

J'EMBRASSE PAS (18) Latter dey Condida cocumen a Haria Insula-Accomplished, but unedifying. With Manuel Blanc, Emmanuelle Beart, Philippe Noirel; director, André Téchini MGM Picondilly (071-437 3561) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031).

♦ LATE FOR DINNER (PG): Two LATE FOR DINNER (PG): Two crons rays sewer trees freeze Unsatistying commo whimsy from director W.D. Richter. With Bran Winner, Peter Berg. MGM Futhern Road (071-370 2636) MGM Haymarkat (071-839 1527) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Kensington (0426 914689).

SHINING THROUGH (15): Opulent, preposterous wertime drams, with Melanie Griffith epying for the U.S Generament in Bedin, Stars Monet

FODAY'S EVENTS A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA: The "Birthday Honours" series continues with a concert celebrating the birth of Johann Sebastian Bach 307 years ago. The orchestra pleys his Branchenberg Concerto, Concarto in D for Obos and Violin. Cantata No 79 for Oboe and Violin, Certata No 79
"Reformation", Sulte No 1 in C, and
alipping into the next generation,
Symphony in E Fiat by C.P.E. Bach
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank,

London SE1 (071-929 8800), 7.45pm. WILLARD WHITE: The powerful bess-bentone gives a mixed recital of Schubert Lieder, Brahms, Ravel, Coplend (Old American Songs), Mozart and Verdi, accompanied by plants: Roger Vignoles. St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (071-222 1061), 7.30pm

BRICE MARDEN - PRINTS:
Emerging in New York in the 1950s,
Marden was more or less obliged to be
an Abstract Expressionist at the
beginning of the career, But he soon
moved to a more severe, minimal style,
which was gradually modified under
the influence of classical architecture.
More recently his work has returned to
the loose, caligraphic quality of his first
phase. He prints, many of the finest in
black and white, parallel his paintings,
and collectively make up or of the
most important bodies of graphic work in recent American ari Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (071-821 1313), Mon-Sat, 10am-5.30pm, Sun, 2

of current London theatre

House full, returns only

THE NIGHT OF THE IQUANA:

II PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Glostul version of the old thriller: tunes by Ortenbach. Verdi and Weber but not Lloyd Webber. Shaftesbury. Shaftesbury Avenue. WC2 (071-379 5399). Non-Fri, 7-30pm, 8at, 8-30pm, mate Thure, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 180mins.

THE POCKET DILEAM; Fooling

THE RECRUITING OFFICERS

LI THE POCKET DIVEAUS Focusing burlesque of A Addessman Alght's Dream, with Mike McShane and Sandi Toksvig, Dedicated fans only.

Albery, 81 Martin's Lune, WC2 (071-867 1115), Tues-Sat, 7.45pm, mets Sat, Sun, 3pm. 135mins.

Nicholes Hyther's good-natured production, rather loo good to be true to the play's deriver content National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-938 2252), Toright-Thurs, 7.18pm, mat Thurs, 2pm. 165mine.

LI SOME LIKE IT HOT! But when we get is lukewarm. Tommy Steele in poor nusical version of firm.

Prince Edward. Old Compton Street, Wt (071-734 8851), Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mate Thure, Set, 3pm. 185mins.

☐ SOPHISTICATED LADIES: Twelve

CINEMA GUIDE

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release across the country

Douglas; director, David Seltzer, Barbican (071-538 8891) MGM Dasisaa (771-532 5080) Odeon Kensington (0428 914666) Odeon West End (0428 915574).

TILL THERE WAS YOU (PG): State

romantic drame with enticing South Pacific scenary. With Mark Harmon,

BARTON FINK (16): The Coon brothers' mervellous macabre comedy about a New York playwright all at see in 1940's Hollywood Starring John Turturto, John Goodman. A triple

CURRENT

Deborah Unger, Jeroen Krabbé; a first feature by Australian John Seale.

MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636

Carmes prizewnner Gets (071-727 4048) Lumière (071-836

♦ BLACK ROBE (15): Seventeenth century Jesus (Lotheire Blureau) tries to convert Indians in northern Quebec, Intelligent epic from Brish Moore's novel Director, Bruce Berestord, MGM Tottenham Court Road (07): 486 61430 Orden Kesplanton (1/48)

♦ CAPE FEAR (18): Demonic ex-con Robert De Niro terrorses Nick Note and family Martin Scorsese's ferocious, unpleasant remake of a classic revenge thrifler. With Jessica Lange, Jufette Lewie

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Africal Molins and a superb Elleen
Aldins in Tennessee Williams's play on
the effects of sexual repression.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, 8E1
(071-928 2252), Tonight, tomorrow,
7.30pm, mat temorrow, 2.15pm.
180mins.

Some seats available
Seats at all prices

DOUBLETAKE: The general subject of this large international show is "Collective Marnory and Current Art". Even the designer, Aldo Rossi, is Even the designer, Aldo Hossi, is renowned for his writings on collective memory or architecture, and the 22 strists included size all very conscious of living in and on the mean media's vast store of shared experiences. Works are inside the Hayward and scattered ground in the open; the madia are remailines groundhalle. media are sometimes improbable Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 (071-281 0127) Daily, 10em-5pm (Tues, Wed to 8pm), until April 19.

TALKS IN LONDON: Lou Reed, who TALKS IN LONDON: Lou Reed, who as currently playing at the Hammersmith Ocieon, drops in at the Naboral to give a ptetform talk on his work; meanwhile at Birkbeck College, Griseide Pollock Gelevers a lecture entitled "Awart-Gerde Gembits 1888-93: Gauguin, Van Gogh, Bernard", and at the Tate, art historian and critic Sarah O'Brien Twohig gives is amornium talk on Whitem Plate.

National Theatre, South Bank, SE1 (U71-928 2252), ôpm. Birkbeck College, University of London, Senate House. University of London, Senate House, Malet Street, WC1 (071-580 6622), Spm. Tate Gallery (Room 7), Milibenk, SW1 (071-821 7128), Lpm.

OPERA 80: The company moves to Yeyori this week with its edequate new staging of Mozert's Don Glovannu, directed by Stephen Medcalf, designed by Lez Brothernian and conducted by Area Miscane Company is planarity Anne Manson Grovanni is elegantly sung by David Elias. Octagon Theatre, Hendford, Yaqvil (0935 22884), 7.30pm.

ROLLERCOASTER: Lovers of the HOLLENCOAS I EN'L LIVER'S OR BILL Jesus and Mary Chain's grungly guitars and shattered melodies will welcome this chance to see the band joined by Ren-minded noise terrorists. My Bloody Valentine, Denosaur of and Blur. Apollo, Ardwick Green, Manches (061-273 3775), 5.30pm.

494 5065), Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, 130mins. THEATRE GUIDE Jeremy Kingston's assessment

L' A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two pianists in likeable tribute to Cole Porter's wit and wry melodies. Vaudevitle, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fn. Spm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 140mins.

TALKING HEADS: PADICE E) TALCHMS READS: Patrosa Routledge and Alan Bennett excellent in three of his monologues charting the unconscious humour and pain of conclinia Bren. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-857 1045). Mon-Set, Spm, matz Wed, Spm, 8st, 4pm, 150mins. Final week, MOBY DICK: A girl's achool puts on a fund-raising show. Tony Monopol-plays a headmistress playing Captain Ahab. Beached musical. Picoadilly, Densira Street, W1 (071-

A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES ordies. Good fun. Whitehell, Whitehell, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 6,16pm and 8pm. 120mins.

E UNCLE VANYA: Sin McNeller and Antony Sher outstanding in a Sean Maintes production that is subtle. balanced and tense with grief. National (Cottesioe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 2.30pm, 160mins.

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LONG RUNNERS:

Aspects of Love: Prince of Weles (071-839 1973).

Blood Brothers: Phoenix (071-837 1044).

Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317).

Catte: Naw London (071-405 0072).

Cont: Dress for Dinner. Apollo (071-494 5070).

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Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dresmocet: Pelindum (071-494 5047).

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THEATRE

A chill wind over Ireland

PETER NICHOLS once pointed out the lowest common denominator of Heartbreak House and the many state-of-England plays that have followed it. "Sooner or later," he said, "the actors finish in a row delivering quote-unquote witty lines, discussing the nation, and leaving the audience depressed out of its skulls."

if Declan Hughes's Digging for Fire is representative, the rule for state-of-Ireland plays is rather different. The actors weave about the stage incoherently discussing and embodying their national woes, and finishing in anything but a nice, straight row. Whoever else may be out of their skulls, Hughes's characters certainly are; and as much with drink as depression.

The play is a sustained and largely successful attempt to disabuse anybody still inclined to romanticise Ireland or mistake it, as one character does, for a kindly community with a

cultural identity all its own. Hughes achieves this in the manner of the movie, The Big Chill, by bringing together a group of one-time college friends for a reunion that leaves some of them wondering, ten years on, if friendship or any other human virtue still exists. Ireland, it seems, is like everywhere else, only smaller and worse.

Breda, the cultural sentimentalist, is actually running a tawdry talk-show for Irish radio. Her adman husband, Steve, is a woman-hating womaniser. Emily, a painter, appears to have Aids. Danny, an expatriate writer back for a visit to what he grandly calls "this post-colonial backDigging for Fire Bush

water", turns out to be a fraud and a liar. Oh yes, and the people hosting the booze-up. Clare and Brendan, are deep in the conjugal doldrums before their party is over. By the end America's big chill seems almost summery beside Dublin's emotional permafrost.

The twin dangers, as often in stateof-somewhere plays, are predictability and dourness. Hughes can sometimes be obvious and wordy; but he also has a keen eye for absurdity, a quirky sense of humour, and a knack for making acrimony amusing while not under-rating the seriousness of

In this he is much helped by Lynne Parker's young cast, members of a company called Rough Magic. Jane Brennan, shifting from edgy resignation to unconcealed rage as Clare, is a real find, and Sean Kearns (Steve), Pom Boyd (Emily) and the others seem scarcely less strong. Seldom have I seen tipsiness so drastic or hangovers so dire.

Actually, the company is so good it contradicts its author's message. Much may be wrong with Ireland, but something must also be right with a country that has sent us Brian Friel's Dancing at Lughnasa, Billy Roche's Wexford plays, the Abbey Theatre's Hedda Gabler, and now this talented crew. Like it or not, they grace the culture they condemn.



BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE Out of her skull: Pom Boyd as the young painter in Digging for Fire

DANCE

Divine madness

Giselle Sadler's Wells

GISELLE is such a lovely, gentle girl. and never more than when she is played by Miyako Yoshida, making her London debut in the role as part of Birmingham Royal Ballet's twoweek Sadler's Wells season. She emerges from her Rhineland cottage, light and charming in her yellow skirt; she gazes with radiant trust into Albrecht's eyes; she tries with touching, misplaced faith to shield him from her rival. Bathilde: and at the end in her ghostly reappearance she tenderly curves her arms round him, cradling his head.

In Peter Wright's long-lived production, Giselle dies as a direct consequence of the sword she plunges into herself; a violence that accounts her unconsecrated grave. Wright's insistence on rigorous dramatic logic in the scenario and acting can result in overstatement in other ballets, but here he hits just the right

Yoshida's enactment of the mad scene gave its images an exemplary clarity. We saw Giselle reliving her

THINGS have changed since the

days when The Beatles could not hear

themselves play for the noise of their

audiences' screaming. On the first night of Lou Reed's west London

residency, latecomers had to wait for

a suitable break in the performance

before they could be ushered to their

seats, and a mood of quiet austerity

prevailed throughout a long and

DANIEL

moments with Albrecht; she rubbed her arms because a deathly cold seized her body; she became confused and panic-stricken as she sensed spectral presences and lost track of where she was. We all knew that Yoshida was a ballerina of virtuoso technique, but here she proved herself

an impressive actress as well. Opposite Yoshida's effortless harmonious dancing, Joseph Cipolla displayed a more determinably active style. This matched the intensity of his Albrecht (another London debut): impetuous in his emotions, impatiently autocratic with his squire. In the second act, though, his movement often looked tense, the straight lines of his arms and sharp flourishes of his hands making us long for softer

shapes. For Yoshida also, if we are going to quibble, this act was her least successful. Occasionally seeming to switch her dancing into automatic pilot, she was not quite ethereal enough, al-though whiter make-up might help.

Even so the two made a wonderfully compelling couple, overshadowing tentative performances around them. Chenca Williams was an under powered Myrtha, the pas de six led by Anne Little and James Bailey had more shakiness than bravura. But Peter Ottevanger made a simpatico Hilarion and Peter Farmer's autumnal designs still look handsome.

NADINE MEISNER

CONCERT

Songs of innocence

BBCSO/Davis Barbican

A BARBICAN singalong, without so much as a teddybear in sight, is something of an achievement. And considering the mere handful of an audience which attended Friday's BBC Symphony Orchestra concert, its members sang to the Lord with as cheerful a voice as they were bade to

The occasion was a performance of Britten's cantata, St Nicolas. This naive (at times, faior-naive) precursor of Noyes Fludde is even more of a challenge for professional musicians than for the amateurs for whom it was written. A professional audience, too, is hard put to it to be a "congregation", and to stir themselves unselfconsciously into the two hymns

How, for instance, to maintain the tremor and the calculated timorousness of the unsophisticated string writing with a body of hardened professionals? How to sing the dancing iambic choruses with heavy adult diaphragms and still fend off the arch or the banal? Thanks to Andrew

Davis's conducting and some perceptive preparation of the BBC Symphony Chorus and Trinity College Chamber Choir by Stephen Jackson. the credibility of both saint and composer was maintained. Some firm speeds and athletic verbal enunciation brightened the chorus's historical cameos.

Hot-foot from singing Monte-verdi's Orfeo, Anthony Rolfe Johnson returned to the music of Britten with renewed eloquence. This was a minutely human Nicolas, the voice reaching deeper than most into the dark nights of the soul in the episode of the Saint's devotional commitment. Then, as the Travellers prepared to eat the Pickled Boys. Rolle Johnson's eyes fixed on a distant point, and the Barbican's secular aisles were used for the descent of the resurrected boys: Benjamin Dawson. Edward Elias and Richard Stringer. from Kings College, Cambridge.
The hushed pizzicato and solo

violin at the start of St Nicolas runed the ear nicely from the long, dying fall of Vaughan Williams's Sixth Symphony which had begun the evening. Just as Davis had sprung into Britten's nursery rhythms un-abashed, so, earlier on, he had delighted no less in knotting and then untying the mesh of metre and dislocated rhythm of this symphony's disturbed and disturbing energies.

HILARY FINCH

ROCK

Remote, controlled

Lou Reed Hammersmith Odeon

world are his exclusive copyright. The first half of the show was a faithful recital, in sequence and in full, of his album Magic and Loss, released in January of this year. This slow, bleak work, which explores in graphic detail the processes of disease, death and the disposal of mortal remains, has much to commend it. But it is not especially tuneful and as a medium, his music is beginning to live entertainment it was heavy going, sound as though the worries of the especially since the performance shed

no new light on the songs as recorded. Reed's three-piece backing band systematically (and brilliantly) recreated the sound of the album, while he read off the verbose lyrics in a dull drawl, from a music stand set to his right. The feeling was never entirely banished that this was not enough of an alternative to simply sitting at home with the album.

The second half began with selec-tions from the 1990 album Songs For Drella, the eulogy to the late Andy Warhol which Reed composed and recorded with his former Velvet Underground colleague John Cale.

Again Reed's mood was ponderous and self-absorbed, with the nostalgic (tuneless) narrative of "A Dream", in particular, degenerating into an interminable ramble.
Only when the clipped chords of

"Dirty Blvd." (from 1989's landmark New York album) rang out, did the show snap into life, by which time it was nearing the end. A set of encores raised the spirits and recalled the genius of Reed in his youth, including "Sweet Jane", "Rock and Roll" and "Satellite of Love".

This final flurry was not enough to dispel the impression of an artist still blessed with a rare poetic facility but who, on this occasion at least, was putting on a rather cold and emotionally remote display.

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scientific investigation continues to whittle away at the number of Rembrandt's authentic paintings, Leonardo da Vinci's oeuvre is about to undergo a dramatic expansion. The vicissitudes of time, combined with Leonardo's notorious reluctance to complete ambitious projects, have left only a dozen or so paintings confidently regarded as his handiwork. Now, however, the leading Leonardo authority. Martin Kemp, is proposing to add another image to this select group of pictures. Or rather, he has arranged a gladiatorial combat between to the Duke of Buccleuch and a private collector in New York respectively, both versions have impressive claims to be considered a Leonardo origi-nal called the Madonna of the The contestants will

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brought together on May 15 at the National Gallery of Edinburgh, backed up by a scholarly catalogue from Professor Kemp. If one of them emerges as a clear winner, its owner will have good reason to feel gratified. For both paintings have generally been regarded as nothing more than the best surviving copies of a lost original. In his classic book on Leonardo, Kenneth Clark only accorded them a brief foot-note. While acknowledging that one authority claimed the Buccleuch version as authentic, Clark declared that it seems to be a fine studio

When Kemp published his prize-winning study of Leonardo in 1981, he concurred. "I considered the Buccleuch painting to be a high-quality pation by Leonardo," he says. The principal value of both versions appeared to lie in the evidence they provided of what the vanished original looked like. Over the past decade, though, Kemp has gradually changed his mind. "I'm now convinced", he explains, "that there is a type of small devotional picture which, while not Mona Lisa, deserves to be regarded as a Leonardo. And since I have altered my view about what constitutes a genuine Leonardo, the prospects for finding the original Yamwinder painting have changed

Kemp's willingness to revise his opinion of the two versions stems, in part, from his awareness of the painting's history By the beginning of the 16th century, when Leonardo century, when Leonardo started work on the Yarnwinder composition, leading collectors of the day vied for his work. Among the most power-ful was the formidable Isabella d'Este, the Marchioness of Mantua. She tried to procure a painting of the Christ Child that air of sweetness and suavity which is peculiar to you to the highest degree. She met with no more success than her influential rivals, so Fiorimond Robertet, secretary to Louis XII of France, was lucky indeed to obtain the Madonna of the Yarrwinder

ing commission from letters written to the thwarted Isabel la by Fra Pietro da Novellara, head of the Carmelites in Florence On April 14, 1501, he reported that the "little picture" which Leonardo was painting for Robertet was "of a Madonna seated as if she were about to spin yarn. The Child has ... grasped the yern-winder and gazes attentively at the four spokes that are in the form of a cross. As if desirous holds it firm, and is unwilling to yield it to his mother, who seems to want to take it away from him.

We know about this surpris-

Christ's impulsive movement, lunging across the picture-space in a diagonal thrust, provides the composition with its daring sense of energy. But his eagerness to clasp the yarnwinder also prophesies Christ's death on the cross. Hence the Madonna's attempt to shield his body with her left hand, while she stretches out her other hand in a gesture of alarm. The moth-





and yet the melancholy in the Madonna's face seems to acknowledge the inevitability of

Hovering with immense subtlety between affection and anxiety, playfulness and trage-dy, the *Madonna* of the Yarnwinder is one of Leonardo's most original inventions. The painting became enormously popular, spawning a prodigious array of copies and adaptations throughout Europe. Its fame led art historians to assume that the picproduced for Robertet must have been executed enby Leonardo himself. Professor Kemp now thinks otherwise.

"Robertet wouldn't have got

a wholly autograph Leonardo," he says. "We know the difficulty he had in finishing pictures, and the fact that Robertet succeeded where Issbella and other patrons failed to acquire a Leonardo bears out my belief." In Kemp's view, the painting eventually dispatched to Robertet was conceived and partly painted by Leonardo, but carried to completion only with the help of his assistants. They are known to have played an important part in his studio, and recently discovered evi-dence shows that Leonardo was remarkably unwilling to part with the paintings he had hand. The Mona Lisa, the

Lamb and the lost Leda and the Swan, all among his greatest achievements, remained in the artist's posses-

o which of the two competing versions is the one Robertet re-ceived around 1506? In terms of provenance, the Buccleuch picture scores higher marks: New research has established that the painting was owned in the early 18th century by the Duc de Tallard, and Robertet was once reported working with a duke of that name. The condition of the Buccleuch picture is also finer. Apart from surface dirt, yellowed varnish and cracking.

state. Moreover, it is on the original panel, whereas the New York version may at some stage have been transferred to carryas.

The latter painting also suffers from discoloured retouchings, but remains an attractive painting nevertheless. The distant range of hazy blue mountains is closely akin to the mysterious landscape in the Mona Lisa. No such romantic setting has been bestowed on the Buccleuch version, where the promon-tories thrusting into the sea are, according to Kemp, "difficult to reconcile with Leonardo's own gifts"...

convinced that the extraordi-

Buccleuch picture "are abso-hutely brilliantly painted," and he adds: "I'll bet my life that Leonardo did them." He also believes that the figures, while not quite as compelling, are of "very high quality". Leonardo's involvement with the Buccleuch painting is confirmed by recent reflecto-graphy investigations. They have revealed, in the underdrawing, a number of changes in the Child's upraised arm

and the Madonnu's face. Reflectography has, however, disclosed corrections or changes in the under-drawing of the New York version as well. Such evidence suggests that the painting should not be regarded as a copy, but in the Buccleuch version is the one sent to Robertet. Despite the signs of studio participation, particularly in the seascape with its unconvincing island, with Leonardo's work in the early years of the 16th century. The New York picture is more likely to be "a late product of the master's studio, executed directly under his control and perhaps with his participation

In the figure group". When the two versions are unveiled in Edinburgh, arguments will doubtless rage over their relative merits. Whatever the final outcome of the battle. though, the Buccleuch family's love of their painting is unlike

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Brahms, briskly

Since a performance which I heard Sergiu Celibidache conduct a few years ago, I have to confess a bias against Brahms's Requiem, which on that occasion seemed to drag on for a lifetime. But I am open to persuasion, and the performance by the London Classical Players that Roger Norrington conducted as the focus and climax of The Brahms Experience at the weekend instantly dispelled misgivings.

In marry respects, it was revolutionary. For one thing, the chorus (the Schötz Choir, whose attack, blend and discipline was exemplary) stood at the front, basses and sopranos on the extreme left, tenors and altos opposite, thus creating a clarifying polychoral effect and a more immediate, better balanced sound. For another, Norrington was happy, as many historically-aware conductors sometimes are not, to allow the orchestra its full palette of colours - sinewy oboes, rasping stopped horns, low contrabassoon and bassoons resounding with loud, impious raspberries.

Norrington refused to be weighed down by the sterness others see in the work, though even he could not make some of the heavier movements easily digestible (the final "Selig sind die Toten", for example). His speeds were lively and his overview was decidely dramatic rather than self-indulgent, yet without a hint of superficiality. "Denn

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sounded more terrifying, even when sung by choral forces five times as great. Only the poorly tuned singing of the soprano, Lynne Dawson, spoilt things; the baritone, Olaf Bär, was at his resonant,

magnificent best. In contrast to previous "Experiences", some of the preparatory events seemed decideally contrived; nevertheless it was pleasing to hear Norrington read poetry by Matthew Arnold and Arthur Hugh Clough: The musical preparation included a short, elegant recital of songs tied in with the Requiem and mostly by Brahms, that Bar gave with John Toll at the fortepiano and an equally brief chamber recital of movements from the First Cello Sonata and the Horn Trio in which Melvyn Tan, at the same fortepiano, presented impressive late-Romantic credentials.

Saturday night's concert was of pieces by Schütz, Gabri-eli, Palestrina (a wonderfully intense reading by the Schütz Choir of the Kyrie from Missa Papae Marcelli), Bach, Mo-zart, Mendelssohn, Schu-mann and Brahms. It intelligently showed influences on and connections with the Requiem. Talks and discussions further helped with context. However, there was a hideously scratchy, unsympathetic performance in the first movement from the Op 34 Quintet (strings-only version).

STEPHEN PETTITT

RADIO REVIEW

Rather protocol than politicians

f the BBC's Court cor-respondent, Paul Reynolds, doesn't pick up an OBE for his services to royal relationships, he should certainly get something from the RSPB — that's the society for listeners who are Really Sick of Political Broadcasts, of course. For 12 glorious hours on Thursday, Reynolds managed to nudge the speechifying and mud-slinging down the day's news order, although listening to James Naughtie teasing the tale of regal revenge out of him on The World at One was hilarious. The luguhrious Reynolds seemed to have come from The Mall unsure what to do with the heavily marked card that must have been in the pocket next to his pounding heart. Had the Queen's Man really said those things about the fragrant Duchess of York? And were they meant for Reynolds's ears only, or had he been primed to let slip the corgis of war on

Naughtie was in no doubt. Court correspondents, wellversed in the genteel equivocations of Palace briefings, are perhaps unprepared for T e was tough, lean,

you could rely upon, should the defence of the realm

require the trunk of an oak tree

to be hauled 28 miles across

rough terrain, barefoot, in the dark, after 12 days of living on water and netiles.
"Okay, listen in," he barked

at three down soldiers. He was

a paratroop officer; they were

about to embark on a 15-day

course of gruesomely strenu-

ous physical tests that would

make or break them (rather

literally, it transpired) as para-

troopers: the hard men of the

British Army. The documenta-

ry P-Company, shown last night in Channel 4's Cutting

Edge series, followed the

And what action! There was

the droll game in which every-

body ran up and down a steep

hill 20 times carrying a 43lb

knapsack. Or the jolly "log

race" - not yet an Olympic

mean. A man among

men. Real men; men

network radio?

scoops: but Naughtie was determined to let Reynolds have his, and he succeeded so spectacularly that the interview was repeated later that day in the middle of the election roundup programme. There was an irony to that, too - according to Reynolds, what was making the Queen angriest of all was the fact that the York affair was taking people's minds off the pressing business of the general

Oh well, now that Radio 4 is in the royal watching game, we can expect the story to run and run. How long will it be before The Money Box is giving Andrew advice on how to apportion child allowance, and for the Duchess of York to appear on You and Yours, talking about the problems of being a one-palace family.
Of course, you could abandon news radio altogether and

seek out what appears to be an endless run of astonishing allstar theatre elsewhere. In Craig Warner's A Sense of Things Moving Forward (Radio 4), there was Ben Kingsley as a driven, murder-ous and ultimately crazed Co-



Dirk Bogarde: perfect as one of Pinter's old men

lumbus, stealing America out from under its residents while Frances Barber, as Queen Isabella, sat in Spain screech-

ing for gold.
But better was to come, on Radio 3 last Sunday, in ·a perfect production of Harold Pinter's No Man's Land. Dirk Bogarde and Michael Hordern were the two old men meeting by chance or otherwise on Hampstead Heath, Hill as Hordern's menacing

henchmen. The play was described variously as enigmatic and impenetrable when it opened in 1975, and it says a lot for our moderated attitudes to homosexuality that it now seems neither of those things. Janet Whitaker's production was a masterclass in good acting and storytelling: 97 minutes of joy, without a tax hike or royal indiscretion to

PATRICK STODDART

TELEVISION REVIEW

Proof of valour but not of point

fatality rate might be unacceptable on television. This involved teams bugging a giant log across country while instructors screamed obscene

For light relief came gymnastic exercises ("Bend your shagging knees" bellowed a sergeant), and then an amusing event in which candidates had to walk along a narrow girder high above the ground.

Nothing to be afraid of up there; it's only the height of a five-storey building," shouted the instructor at a trembling soldier showing signs of the worst disease known to macho-man: in the jargon of event, perhaps because the the trade, "no bottle".

Para-jargon is a formidable obstacle course in itself. Men running for miles in full combat gear are "tabing" (Tactical Advance to Battle) and if they are so exhausted they collapse, they suffer the indignity of being "Arty-

yewed" (Returned To Unit). Injuries (there are plenty) are no excuse. "There are certainly cases of people going sick, dare I say it, because they feel sorry for themselves," said the officer, barely concealing his contempt.

Indeed, the course seemed devised to be heartbreaking as well as back-breaking, since candidates are not told until the end how they are doing.

One decided to take part in the log race despite a serious injury: missing an event indicates a "wrong attitude".
"What he doesn't know," said the commentary, "is that he has already failed."

Cutting Edge superbly conveyed the culture of "beyond the limit" physical endurance, without ever posing the crucial question: why? Is this punishing routine necessary in military terms? Recent Falklands documentaries have tended to suggest that paratroop derring-do - lightning hikes into enemy country - are the modern equivalent of the Charge of The Light Brigade: astonishingly brave feats of arms, but strategically insignificant in our age of smart weapons. The course separates the men from the boys, but to what purpose? This programme offered blood, sweat. toil and tears, but precious

RICHARD MORRISON

ARTS BRIEF

Rites of spring

THE world premiere of the stage adaptation of crime-writer Ruth Rendell's novel A Judgement in Stone is likely to be one of the highlights of Mayfest, the tenth Glasgow International Arts Fair, which will be running from May 1 to May 23. During the course of those three weeks there will be theatre, dance, music, comedy, exhibitions and arts-related events happening at venues all over the city. Other world premieres include a produc-tion of A Drunk Man Looks at the Thistle, based on Hugh MacDiarmid's poem, while Sir Yehudi Menuhin is con-

ducting the world premiere of

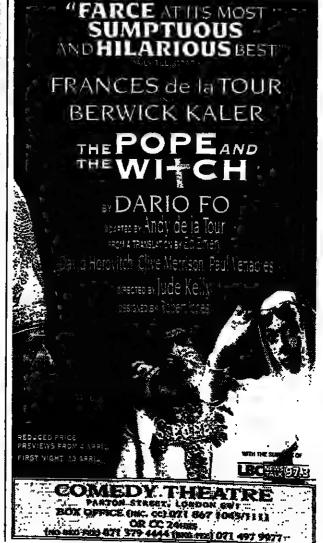
Ronald Stevenson's Violin Concerto at the Royal Concert Hall on May 21.

Cornish cream

MICHAEL TOOBY, the 35year-old keeper of Sheffield's Mappin Art Gallery, is to be the first keeper of the Tate Gallery of St Ives. The new gallery is being built by Corn-wall County Council and will show the 20th century painting and sculpture in the Tate's St Ives collection.

Last chance . . .

SOME critics thought Alan Bennett's monologues, Talking Heads, better on television than on stage. But here is the author in the flesh, and Patricia Routledge in the roles of two desolate loners. The final performance is at the Comedy (071-867 1045) on Saturday.



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The school of whose choice?

When children are turned down for a school, parents are forced to take a lesson in appeals procedures, says

t just this point in the academic year parents are coming up to a bridge in their children's education. Throughout the land they are receiving notification of the new schools to which their children have been allocated: which primary schools in the case

Davina Lloyd

of five-year-olds and rising fives, and which secondary schools for Most, satisfied with the placement, will be preparing their children to cross the bridge to the next stage of their school careers. For others, the news will present instead a yawning chasm in their hopes and expectations. Their child has not been accepted at the school of their choice.

They thought they had a choice. What gave them this idea was Section 6 of the 1980 Education Act. This was reiterated in last year's Parents' Charter. "You have the right to say which school you prefer." Except...

They do not have the right to

choose a school, only to express a preference. There follows the proviso in the Parents' Charter: "You have the right to a place in the school you want unless it is full to capacity with pupils who have a stronger claim."

Parents believing that they have a stronger claim to a place in a particular school discover that a wide gap exists between their reasons for selecting one school and the criteria applied by the local education authority (LEA) that made the selection.

Anne and Peter Ford, whose son Alexander is now 11, chose a school outside the west London borough of Ealing where they live. Their chosen school. Chiswick High School in the neighbouring borough of Hounslow, is exactly the same distance from their home as Acton High School, the alterna-

tive in-borough choice.
"We were told last September that Ealing, which had previously operated a three-tier system (first, middle and secondary schools) had changed its policy and we could select a secondary school for Alex to start at next September," Mrs Ford says.
"What we didn't know was that

Ealing had only 'applied' for the change; it had not been agreed by the education department.

"We knew we could choose to go out of borough, but it wasn't made easy. Parents were supposed to send in applications for Hounslow schools before the open days for visiting and assessing Ealing schools. We visited seven schools, in and out of borough, and put Chiswick High first on our list of four choices.

"Right up to January there was no official news. Then I heard that the DES had deferred their decision, and eventually in February we were told that Ealing 11-yearolds would not be starting second-



Alexander Ford of Chiswick at Southfield school, in Ealing borough: he could not move to Chiswick High School because he lives on the wrong side of the boundary

ary school in September after all. We have been very satisfied with Southfield, the school where Alex is now, but we felt as he'd be 12 by September, it was time for him to move on. It became even more crucial to know whether he'd been accepted out of borough."

Ten phone calls later, she learnt that he had not. Chiswick is a popular school and was oversubscribed. The Fords had been turned down because their house was just over the borough boundwe feel very angry," Mrs Ford

says. "Alex was born in Chiswick, we live in Chiswick and always expected that he'd go to Chiswick High. I just don't know how to tell my son he hasn't got a place in the school he wanted to go to.

The Fords are about to exercise their next right, the right to appeal against the local education authority's decision. "We feel cheated about the business of choice. We are anxious about having to appeal, but determined to do it.

The most recently-available fig-ures show that in 1988/9 there were 15,000 appeals nationwide and 40 per cent were successful still leaving six out of ten unhappy

Even those who have won their case have not all been satisfied with the appeals process. One such couple in the West Country, whose son was eventually admitted to their chosen school, are reluctant to be named in case it should prejudice the case for their second child, for whom they feel they will have to repeat the process

"At every stage we felt discouraged from proceeding further. We had to sit at a large table with seven people, including three on the appeal committee, the county solicitor and a clerk. The whole business was intimidating. Though we won, it was awful to be next to the head and feel we were

foisting our son into her school." What parents consider valid reasons for their choice may be at odds with the admissions criteria which bind LEAs. "Sibling connection" is a prime reason for admission by local education authorities. "We're doing everything we can," said one couple, "but we can't suddenly produce an older brother or sister already at the

"Proximity" is another criterion for admission, though plenty of parents are prepared to bus their children to their chosen school.

Bolton, moved house to be near their chosen primary school. St Thomas Chequerbent, in Westhoughton. "Our house was about 100 yards from the school, and we put Sally's name down a year before she was due to start school. We thought we were bound to get her in," Mr Brown says.

hey didn't. Because they did not know that admissions for schools in the
"voluntary-aided" category, like this church school are
carried out by governors who
enablish their own criteria.

"At the appeal, there were three on the committee: a council lawyer, the local vicar and a representative from the Manchester Diocesan Council of Education. It seemed that all they wanted to know was whether we were regular churchgoers. I became very angry, especially when I found out that the church's contribution to the school was only 8 per cent, and the rest came from the local

The Browns lost their appeal and moved again, three miles away, to be near the newly-built Eatock County Primary, Daisy Hill "We are more than happy with our daughter's progress at

Eatock, it's a brilliant school. We've no quarrel with the educa-tion authority, but I still think the

whole procedure was a sham." Stuart Jackson, the admissions officer for Bolton, who accompanied the Browns to their appeal, often finds himself sitting on the other side of the table when dealing with appeals about schools in the state sector. "Schools in Bolton don't operate in catchment areas and we are fortunate. 98 per cent of our parents get their first choice of secondary school.

"Primary-school admissions are arranged by head teachers, and locally they get together to sort out placements to try to avoid parents

having to go to appeal." He sometimes has to deal with angry governing bodies when the appeals committee has ruled in favour of the parents and they're forced to take children over their "standard number" (the agreed number of children in each year group). The admission authority has to prove at an appeal that admitting a child would prejudice efficient education at the school: allowing an appeal could make a large class even larger.

Last month Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, said he would be considering changes in allocat-

ing capital expenditure, "to ensure that, for the first time, good schools which are over-subscribed or overcrowded will be eligible for

money to expand, even where there are spare places in other maintained schools in the area". Meanwhile, some parents move house. Some try to comply with an individual school's criteria. (One couple admitted that they held no strong religious beliefs but alternated attendance at church services on Sundays to fulfil their local church school's requirements.) Some vote with their feet, educating their children at home.

> books: 7.4 per cent of school-age children go to independent schools, up 30 per cent in 12 years. Certainly parents now have at least a chance to get their child into the school they want. ACE (Advisory Centre for Education), an independent service, says the area of school choice and appeals is one of the top three subjects on which they are asked for help. "And it is sad, but true, to say those parents better at understanding

Others vote with their cheque

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and fighting the system will also have the wider choice."

Father's loving opposition at home

The daughter of a former MP recalls youthful attempts to promote his cause and wonders whether a 'supportive' family

is the last thing a politician needs

father was elected to Parliament in a by-election in 1941. I was too young to care much but my elder sister, on being informed of his success, asked eagerly, "Now will he have his name on a paper

She was at school with the daughter of a local greengrocer, a girl held in the greatest esteem by her classmates because she brought her lunch to school in a bag imprinted with her father's name. Perhaps. my sister hoped, her own father's achievement might mean elevation to a similarly exalted plane.

For our father, this was the beginning of many years of having his enthusiastic family getting hold of the wrong end of the stick. We supported him, naturally, but alas there were many occasions when the sort of support that seemed a good idea to his four children was not seen in the same

light by his constituency party. In the 1945 election campaign, for example, appalled at the feebleness of the sober posters provided by the Conservative party, we got our paintboxes and designed our own, with which we festooned the front of our house and most of the rest of the street. "Smith and Jones Stink" was one of our pithiest, "Smith is a Beast." "Jones is a Rotter." "Don't Vote for Smith or Jones They are Crooks."

Our harassed father, returning from a day's campaigning, found the pavement outside our house thronged with opposition party workers, complaining bitterly of his caddish behaviour, and threatening writs.

Something similar had hap-

pened not long before, at the end of the war with Germany. Inspired by the gaiety of the flags bedecking the town, we rushed to The Palmeira Stores with the contents of our moneyboxes. "Some Union Jacks, please," we asked, politely. but the assistant said, "Sorry, sold out. Sold out of everything except

"These" looked all right - a bit boring, perhaps, but better than nothing, and they were pleasantly cheap, too. In no time at all they were bedecking the front of our house, and within minutes, angry constituents were telephoning my father's agent demanding to know why their MP was displaying a triumphant run of Rising Suns, while the war with Japan was still

raging.
Incidents like these probably contributed to our father's decision to move us out to the rural hinterland, where we were not quite so evident. However, we still turned up at fund-raising fetes and garden parties, where, broke and desperately competitive, we continued to embarrass him with our skill at winning races, rolling pennies and guiding rings along wiggly electric wires, so that we invariably left carrying more money than we had arrived with.

We did have a few good points. We became highly skilled at answering the telephone in a variety of foreign accents, taking on the role of various mythical maids and secretaries and thereby protecting him to some extent from unwanted callers.

We played these roles at parties. too. When our parents entertained, my sisters and I loved was happily sleeping off a most being the maids who took the successful evening.





Anthony Marlowe, MP for Hove, and daughter Julia: the opposition was the least of his worries

coats and handed round the nuts. Even more did we enjoy the moment when the guests went in to dinner, and we were free to retire to the room where we had piled up all the coars. A happy evening could then be spent trying everything on and generally dressing up. Any loose change left in pockets we naturally appropriat-

ed, regarding it as a tip. When my elder sister reached the magic age of 17, and started going to parties, she once "borrowed" from this heap of visitors' coats a magnificent mink stole, and went out for the evening. Amazingly, the stole's owner went home forgetting that she had brought it with her. By the time of her agitated telephone call the next morning, the stole was safely back in our house and my sister

One of my father's friends rose her something to read. The speakto very great political heights: the highest, in fact. I was never able to see photographs of him, subsequently, without remembering the incident involving him and my little sister, at the Albert Hall.

This particular man was to address a large regional gathering of ladies, and my mother was the leading light in the organising committee which had arranged the event. As such, she sat with half a dozen other women on the platform, immediately behind the great man. She was reluctantly accompanied by my sister, aged about six, who had an unexpected day off school.

By the time all the preliminary announcements and warm-up speakers were finished, my sister was already bored stiff, but she had had the foresight to take with

er rose ponderously to his feet and cleared his throat; his audience waited, rapt and admiring, but his demeanour was shaken as the applause degenerated into a swell-

ing ripple of laughter. My mother swears she saw him glance antiously downwards at his trousers, to see if the explanation for the merriment lay there, but that was not the reason. Facing the audience, he could not see what they could see: a small girl sitting just behind him who gave an enormous yawn, stretched herself luxuriously, reached into her pocket and brought out a crumpled copy of The Beano.

In common with many of his parliamentary colleagues, my father was a member of one of the old-established London clubs. It was here that I telephoned him,

sold our family car. Family cars in the 1950s were not the transitory objects they are today: people moved into them, as into houses, and stayed for years. My stick, Henry, had a permanent home in DGP 735's boot. Laboriously, I had burned its name into the wood, using the rays of the sun through a magnifying glass. Henry was a very long-standing companion.

from school to find that he had

"I must speak to my father, straight away," I gasped to the club porter. "It's terribly

The porter was one of a long and noble line of club porters, whose chief purpose in life was to protect the eccentric members of the club from the even more eccentric members of their families.

"Your father is playing bridge, miss," he intoned. "But if you would care to send him a message, I will endeavour to bring you a

reply."
"Please." I sobbed, "ask him what he's done with Henry." I held on for a long time, with a thumping heart. At last the porter returned to the telephone.

"Are you there, miss?" I was. "Your father sends his compliments, and says — ah — you will find — ah — Mr — ah — Henry in the imbrella stand." This good man came from generations of retainers whose was not to reason

Elections came and went, as they still come and go. I am never surprised by the sheer exhaustion on the faces of the candidates by the time polling day arrives, and I am always intrigued when, in their speeches of thanks, candidates insist that they owe a huge debt of gratitude to their families. Surely ours was not the only political household in which the opposition was the least of the candidate's worries?

JULIA KNIGHT

How to stay the course

ange

Could studying divorce make it less likely to happen?

re you qualified to consider divorce? It is a complicated A divorce? It is a company to business which should not the heat of the be entered into in the heat of the moment. But then, according to the latest thinking, neither should the latest thinking, neither should marriage. As attention focuses on the swift split between the Duke and Duchess of York, a proposal for a course to prepare people for both marriage and divorce is being put forward.

Today, at a meeting of the Family Mediators' Association, Anne Hooper a psychotheranics

Anne Hooper, a psychotherapist and relationship counsellor, and the author of Divorce and Your Children, and Elizabeth Muirhead, a family mediator and matrimonial lawyer, will be float-ing their idea of a course for couples (or individuals) contemplating divorce.

The course would cover everything from dealing with emotions and handling conflict. Ms Hooper says, to legal and financial rights and managing with regard to children. "We would provide information

on the new Children Act and discuss questions such as whether to stay together for the sake of the children, which, if you are not completely miserable, is probably worth doing because of evidence of the detrimental effect of divorce on children's development," Ms

Hooper says.

If you are determined to part, but want to do it at the least damaging time for your children, the course tutors will advise that when they are eight or nine is the most difficult age: old enough to understand the difficulties and take the blame, but not old enough

to develop defences. The course could assist parents in determining the best pattern for contact with their children after divorce. "A sense of stability and continuity is so important — letting them see grandparents,

Tutors will discuss whether to stay together for the sake of the children' ANNE HOOPER

making sure they've got a place to call theirs in both parents' homes, involving their friends in activities - simple things, which the section on children would cover," Ms

Hooper says. For the moment the course is called Thinking about Divorce but, aware that the title may not be attractive to some, it might change to something along the lines of Relationships and how to survive them, or maybe simply Surviving, Ms Muirhead suggests. Ms Hooper, a divorces who has

chosen not to marry her long-time parmer and fellow counsellor Philip Hodson, says the idea of the scheme is to offer people help that they desperately need at an earlier stage then they often get to Relate — and at a price they can afford. An hour-long session with a Relate counsellor costs up to about £20. A two-hour group session on the "divorce course" would cost no more than £12. "Doing it in a group doesn't just mean the price can be low — it gives a sense of support, of not being alone in your problems." Ms Hooper says. There will also be social support which we hope will grow out of the group, whereas so often in this situation people feel unbearably isolated."

Last year Relate counsellors saw 62,000 couples and waiting lists can be up to six months in some areas. By the time people come under the calming influence of a family mediator or conciliator. they may be past reconciliation when they could learn similar ways of compromising while still communicating within a mar-riage, Ms Muirhead feels.

"As a lawyer I see so many clients who are unable to cope."
Ms Muirhead says, "and they ask
questions such as what shall I do when the car tax runs out?" which should not have to be answered by a lawyer who charges up to £250 an hour - or who is allocated only £120 by Legal Aid to handle a divorce. Lawyers and judges waste highly-trained time discussing matters which could have been worked out in advance - or which might not have come to court if the two parties had learned how to resolve conflicts earlier."

The two women - who became friends after Ms Muirhead handled Ms Hooper's divorce - are developing lists of books to recommend, and of self-help groups to which to refer people. If the course idea is approved by the family mediators today, they hope that the pilot sessions will start in May.

Needless to say, they would be delighted if one particular couple came along — and feel they could be helped considerably.

VICTORIA MCKEE

Summit of a dangerous career

It takes a special kind of courage to earn your living skiing down a 65 degree slope. Adam Baines on

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the latest exploit of extreme skier Pierre Tardivel hundred and two days before Columbus discovered a new contiseven of the most distinguished men in France set out to discover a new dimension.

Three months before Ferdinand and Isabella's colours flew over America, Charles VIII ordered that a team of climbers scale the Mont Aiguille, a near-vertical peak in south-eastern France. So was mountaineering born.
Five hundred years later, a new

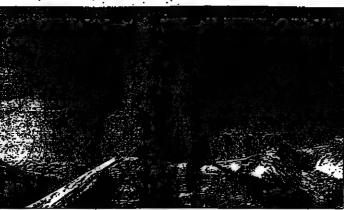
challenge hung over the same piece of rock. On January 27 this year Pierre Tardivel, the only man capable of skiing a 65 degree slope, climbed to the summit to see if the walls of this fortress were

The Mont Aiguille — the birthplace of alpine sports, and a yardstick for human skill and courage for half a millenium, is a rock 40km from Grenoble, At 2,086m, it is a relative beginner by Alpine standards. What makes the peak unique is that in its final 350m, the Mont Aiguille (Needle Mountain) is the solitary survivor of a vast limestone plateau that once joined it to the surrounding peaks. For something over 50 million years it has stood alone, hiding behind almost a quarter of

a mile of vertical fortifications. M Tardivel announced he could ski the peak from the summit. Not an idle boast, but a professional evaluation. M Tardivel, 28, has skied-36 slopes that had never seen a ski, and last year made the first attempt to ski Everest — he had to give up when he discovered he had

rostbite in his toes. He makes a living from carrying his sponsors' colours down slopes that would kill any other skier. He demonstrates their equipment at the limit, and in return they finance his passion: extreme ski-ing. As in "extremely dangerous". Skiing 65 degree slopes (35 degrees steeper than the most ag-gressive black run) M Tardivel will only ever make one mistake in his

Using aerial photos of the peak, M Tardivel plotted a meticulous route through the Tubulaires — a precipitous gulley folded inside the



Pinnacle of achievement: the near-vertical face of Mont Aiguille

slab, little used by climbers because of frequent rock falls. Simply to climb to the summit was a challenge: M Tardivel and his companion, René Lechuse, each had to climb in their ski boots, with skis fastened to their rucksacks. Several times the pasjammed in the gulley. For M Tardivel, however, the climb is a

sage was so narrow that the gear last, vital stage of the preparation - a chance to look at every metre of the run, test the snow, locate patches of ice. Extreme skiing has a high fatality rate. In the last 18 months, M Tardivel has seen three

Pierre Tardivel (right) and

René Lechuse on the ascent

colleagues killed in accidents on

the mountains. Attention to detail

The skiers reached the summit

at noon, but waited for several

hours, to let the sun soften icy

patches of snow on the west face.

The first move was a jump past an

overhanging ledge on the summit

falling straight into the gulley.
 Skiing slopes at up to 55

degrees, in passages only 2-3 metres wide, M Tardivel describes

as "skiing inside the guts of the

mountain — a narrow gorge hidden between dark, twisting

is what keeps him alive.

The man he chose for the task was Antoine de Ville. Aged 40. de Ville was Captain of Montelimar, commander of 450 men, and one of the king's most successful cam-

slabs, over 10 metres above us".

In the middle of the run, one

vertical section of wall forced the skiers to use ropes for a short abseil. Then the ordeal started

again, minutes of thigh-burning

concentration, where every move-

ment has to be timed to perfection.

At ground level, M Tardivel had notched up his 37th "first".

Five hundred years earlier the French king had seen the rock

during a pilgrimage, and decided

at once "To see if one could scale

this mountain, which is said to be

paigners.

De Ville's expedition is a fascinating record of medieval teambuilding. His technicians were Noble Raymond Jubie, siege-ladder builder to the King, Pierre Arnaud, master carpenter, and Cathalin Servet, master stonemason. Just as important were Sebastien de Caret, royal master of theology, and chaplain to the King, and François de Bosco, de Ville's personal confessor.

On June 26, after weeks of preparation on site, de Ville successfully led his team to the summit. Little is known about the climb itself, except that the team used two leagues (2km) of ladders, as well as "subtle engines", a tantalising reference that history

has never managed to decode. Even the experience of the climb went largely unrecorded, leaving us only with de Ville's chilly synopsis: "The most horrible and terrifying passage that I, or my companions, have ever seen."

History was in the making - the known world had been extended by a couple of acres, and for the first picture of the new territory we have de Ville's letter to the parliament at Grenoble: "The width of a bow-shot, covered with a fine meadow . . . and the most beautiful place ever seen." De Ville and his team spent a week on the peak, until the clerk from Grenoble arrived to ratify the expedition. The clerk satisfied himself with the view from the bottom.



No room for mistakes: M Tardivel and companion make their historic descent of one of the world's most challenging slopes

For almost 350 years the Mont Aiguille was left in peace until, in 1834, a young Frenchman a young Frenchman climbed to the summit. There he found blackened rocks and debris, presumably the untouched remains of de Ville's expedition.

Elsewhere in the Alps, the vertical was fast becoming public property. In Chamonix, a purse was offered to the first man to climb Mont Blanc. The prize was carried away in 1786 by Accard and Balmat, From then on, the peaks fell like ninepins: the Jungfrau, 1812; the Eiger, 1865. The Mont Aiguille, although not a major peak, maintained its pioneering role in alpinism. In 1878 the rock saw the world's first "via ferrata" a steel cable installed by the Club Alpin Francais.

ith the bizarre logic of climbing, this es-tablished route allowed climbers to look for new, more risky passages. Today, a climbing map of the peak looks like a ball of string — hundreds of routes, each calibrated to an exact degree of difficulty. The Mont Aiguille has seen freedimbing, speed dimbing, dimbers who go up on a carabiner (part of a harness which holds the climber to the rope) and come down on a paraglider canopy, but in the last 50 years, two exploits stand out even by the remarkable standards of the rock.

One is M Tardivel's ski descent; the other took place in 1957, when Henri Giraud decided to set a new standard in aeronautics: "I chose the Mont Alguille, because it represented an extreme challenge. I wanted to prove that you can land a plane with precision of a bird on a branch. The plane's landing speed was 100kmh, with

a maximum distance of 100m or you're dead! Giraud's skills as a pilot were up to the challenge, and on August

27, he brought the aircraft to a

halt on the summit, a stunt he was to repeat 53 times over the years. M Tardivel, while he survives, can make a living as an extreme sportsman, because the public, like Charles VIII, loves to see a man go where none has gone before. This September M Tardivel returns to Everest, and the cameras will be watching, to

see the known world grow again.

An Afrikaner says her tribe is seldom given the benefit of the doubt, whatever they do

hen Claire, my French friend. asked me to teach her Afrikaans, I was delighted. I started off by choosing body parts as the topic of our first vocabulary lesson. This was an unfortunate choice, as Claire then made the sad discovery that Afrikaans lacks an equivalent for the expres-sion "to make love". My explanation that Afrikaners do not need to talk about it, they simply do it, only deepened her misgivings. This devastat-ing quirk of the language had confirmed her worst suspicions of that strange African

Taking the bad guy out of the Boer

am convinced that Afrikaners are seldom given the benefit of the doubt. Another friend, an American this time, disagrees. Explaining that people in general, and Americans in particular, do not believe in collective guilt, he instructed me to shake off 'this pitiful paranoia".

I remember trying to keep As a member of the tribe, I his words in mind when, a

week later. I found myself in a Manhattan cinema watching Lethal Weapon II: For those not familiar with the plot suffice it to say that it requires Joss Ackland, who plays the role of a sadistic South African embassy boss, to eat his dinner while watching his henchmen wrap a corpse in a sheet of plastic. The audience loved it. I was surrounded by

hundred moviegoers baying for Boer blood. Every time an Afrikaner thug bit the dust, the audience would break into applause. The truth is, the Afrikaner

has an image problem. With F.W. de Klerk's slow smile and patient expression becoming familiar to millions around the world, it seemed as though Afrikaners might finally rid themselves of their image as dour, humourless, Bible-thumping bigots. In the run-up to last Tuesday's referendum, however, Messrs Treurnicht, Terre Blanche and their followers dominated the headlines. They may have lost the referendum, but the face of the baleful Boer still threatens the ascent of the acceptable Afrikaner.

During the apartheid years, the world was fascinated by South Africa's ruling minority in the way one is intrigued by the ungainliness and strangely anachronistic qualities of an ostrich.

Attempts to analyse the soul of Afrikanerdom have resulted in a slew of scholarly works. Television programmes, cartoons, films and popular novels have played an even greater role in perpetnating the image of the belligerent bully. Best selling

people's reaction to my accent changing any time soon. I have lived in London for a year now and have become used to the fact that new acquaintances will invariably ask whether I am Englishspeaking or Boer. It is obvious that they consider English-speaking South Afri-cans to hold more acceptable writer Larry Bond recently explained that South Africa provides an attractive backmoral and ethical values. drop for fictional murder and The Afrikaner has not almayhem because "Afrikaners

ways had an image problem.
During the Boer War he was
allowed to play the role of
David opposite Britain's Gomake good bad guys". The Boer has earned the dubious distinction of super villain. In 1986 I was living in liath. My grandmother has a New York and was asked by framed text of Sir Arthur the CBS programme 60 Min-Conan Doyle's description of utes to translate a speech by the Boer warrior on her wall. It boasts such soul-stirring words as "the (Afrikaner) 'I was must obviously be one of the most rugged, virile, unconsurrounded by querable races ever seen upon earth". Ah, yes. Sadly, through his bigotry and intolmoviegoers erance the "modern Boer" of baying for whom Conan Doyle was writing in 1903, had by 1948 Boer blood relinquished his image of embattled hero for an image

Eugene Terre Blanche. As I

grappled with Mr Terre Blanche's florid prose, the

unworthy thought crossed my

mind (for no longer than a

second, I swear) that no one

at CBS knew a word of

Afrikaans. Wouldn't I be

doing Afrikaners everywhere

a favour if I translated cre-

atively and made this singu-

larly unattractive representa-

tive of the volk seem just a little more palatable? This

was at a time when the

Afrikaner needed all the help

he could get — the days of P.W. Botha. His nickname

was the "great crocodile".

and I have it on good author-

ity that he liked it. At least

nowadays, a kinder, gentler

Afrikaner sometimes appears

Even so, it is going to take a

while to allay the world's

suspicions. I do not foresee

on the evening news.

far less savoury. What about the Afrikaner's future image? F.W. de Klerk's courage and integrity has done more for the tarnished image of the Afrikaner than any South African leader before him, including the venerable Jan Smuss. The Afrikaners have ensured, at least for now, that the words Boer and Afrikaner do not once again become synonymous with bully and racist.

Who knows, ten years from now MGM may be searching for a Vivien Leigh and a Clark Gable to star in the production of an epic romance of the South - make that South Africa. And maybe, just maybe, the hero and heroine will be Boers. Anything is pos-sible. After all, tomorrow is another day.

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Britain's charities are part of the cement that binds our society. Ruth Gledhill looks at the organisation that holds them together



Collecting can be fun; three doctors staged a Jerome K. Jerome anniversary trip, raising funds for cancer research

Umbrella action

f the National Council for Voluntary Organisations did not exist, it would have to be invented, says Sir Geoffrey Chan-dler, the chairman.

The NCVO, an umbrella organisation, has made its name with its support of the voluntary sector and by representing its interests to govern-ment, the public sector. industry and commerce.

Seminal research into longterm trends affecting voluntary groups, combined with internal developments, have equipped the NCVO to lead the sector towards the challenges of the next century.

Today the NCVO launches a three-year campaign to improve effectiveness and efficiency within the sector by raising £1.5 million to fund its core work

About 170,000 charities are registered with the Charity Commission, and the number is increasing at the rate of 4,000 a year. The sector as a vhole turns over an estimated £18 billion a year. Demands on charities are greater than ever, with the growing emphasis on community care and the move to a "contracting culture", where charities increasingly rely on generating their own funds by providing

The 1992 Charities Act, which received Royal Assent last week, brings in legislation

Strengthened by the Charities Act, the NCVO backs up an £18bn sector

charities by strengthening the power of the Charity Commissioners to investigate and remedy abuse. The act also relieves the Commissioners of some of their duties, enabling them to put more resources into monitoring and investigation. Judy

NCVO director. says: "We see the Charities Act as ensuring that there are the right guidelines and framework operate in the The act will give guidance

and support to legitimate charities and make it much more difficult for illegiti-Judy Weleminsky mate fundraisers and other organisations who might wish not to

what they do." The act comes at a time when charitles face increasing challenges by the day. "The voluntary sector is being asked to do more and more with fewer and fewer funds. It is also being asked to be more professional. It is no longer an

be properly accountable in

ficer at the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders Her first full-time work after

leaving university, with a de-gree in psychology and an MA, was with a transport company. Her career across amateur sector. There is an enormous need for back-up," says Ms Weleminsky. The NCVO provides this back-up. Experts handle more the commercial, public and voluntary sector gives her valu-able insight into the chal-lenges facing charities. A than 50 calls a day from the 500 member organisations and other charities requesting legal advice. commercial organisation has a clear hierarchy up to the With an income board and is answerable to some extent to shareholders. of more than £3.7 million, the In the voluntary sector there are numerous workers and NCVO represents the sector's

interests on "All of them, because they are giving a considerable amount of energy, feel they funding, campaigning and charity law, enhave a legitimate stake and a point of view which needs to be courages the istened to. This is part of the new and existdynamism but also part of the voluntary organisations

and publishes a There has always been pubwide range of lic concern about how well the money is spent, she says, or about fundraising methods. "But I think these concerns reports, guides, briefing papers and newsletters. Ms Weleminsky, who raised the profile of have often been overplayed."

the National Schizophrenia The commitment of the 23 million people who do some voluntary work each year is often underestimated, she be-Fellowship to unprecedented public prominence as its director from 1986-90, has been lieves. "Most people who work in the sector are paid consider-ably less than they would be in business and commerce, and involved in local and national voluntary organisations for 20 years. She was one of Britain's first equal opportunities offiyet they give a great deal of energy and commitment." cers, at Wandsworth council in the 1970s, later becoming

Charities for Change: latest in a long line of initiatives

Even charities sometimes need help: a fund-raising campaign launched today aims to provide £1.5 million and a higher profile for the NCVO

way that no other bodies do."

1920. Acre (Action with Com-

munities in Rural England) became independent in 1987. NCVO provided free office space for the infant Council for

the Protection of Rural Eng-

The oldest of NCVO's asso-

clated groups was the Nat-ional Council for Voluntary

Youth Services, set up in 1919, which became independent in 1980. Citizens' advice bureaux

were set up by the NCVO in 1939, with funds obtained

from the Ministry of Health, and the National Association

of Citizens' Advice Bureaux

became independent in 1978.

Age Concern was set up as a

committee to promote the needs of the elderly in 1940 and became independent in

1970. The Charities Aid

Foundation, which became

independent in 1974, is a

descendent of the Benevolent

The Organisation Develop-ment Unit, a national black

development agency set up seven years ago, has just

become independent. Waste

Watch, an environment project set up by NCVO in

Fund, set up in 1924.

he Charities for Change campaign, launched today from Kensington Palace, is a £1.5 million fundraising and awareness drive to "promote efficiency and effectiveness in the voluntary sector". The NCVO receives some government funding, but is dependent also on support and sponsorship from individ-

uals, charitable trusts, industry During the campaign, com-panies will be urged to put their names to a project, publication or series of confer-

ences. Donations from indi-

viduals and companies are

also being sought, through the Gift Aid or covenant schemes. The campaign will include research and training into the fundraising opportunities and challenges of a single European market, funding for environmental groups, research into the needs of local comminities and the unemployed and management and mar-

keting programmes.
Sir Geoffrey Chandler,
NCVO chairman, believes a
flourishing voluntary sector is "the mark of a humane and civilised society". John Major, in his address to the Charities Aid Foundation last November, said the sector had reached such a scale and diversity that it had become "part of the very fabric of the whole nation".

Sir Geoffrey says: "The vol-untary sector has grown hugely over the past ten years. It is immensely diverse and very successful in what it does.

"There is a great need to create awareness of what the sector is about. It is not an alternative to the government, an alternative to the state. It is a third sector in its own right.
It does things which the



Sir Geoffrey Chandler: a flourishing voluntary sector is 'the mark of a humane and civilised society'

is about to go independent. Sir Geoffrey is concerned to develop more stability and continuity in the sector at a time of recession. Individual, corporate and government giving is falling. The numbers of those in need is increasing while the resources of those who meet that need are diminishing, he says. The disarray of local government, the "con-tract culture" and the policies of central government are compounded by a lack of understanding of the role of

the voluntary sector today. "Whatever the economy does the problems of the homeless, disadvantaged, one-parent families, children and Aids are not going to go away. Because the sector is so important and a sector is so important. tant and effective it will undoubtedly grow. The problem of helping those who fall out of society is where the voluntary

sector is so effective." He fears the "contract cul-ture" could increase dependence on contract funding as the expense of core funding and reduce the effectiveness of voluntary bodies.

Sir Geoffrey is committed to the sector's campaigning role. 'Some problems are solved by practical measures such as providing houses. Others are solved by advocating a change

of policy.
A former director of Shell Petroleum and former director general of the National Economic Development Office (NEDO), he has chaired the NCVO for more than two years. Volunteering, he says, is an essential element of the British character. "What the voluntary sector has to do is to continue to explain, to insist that it is complementary to the

BT – supporting the changing world of charities

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Firmer hands on the reins

A law passed last week should help to stamp out fraud

CAMPAIGNING by the NCVO in the 1980s helped bring about the Charities Act, the biggest strengthening of charity law since 1960.

The act increases the powers of the Charity Commissioners to deal with abuse and protect charity property. For the first time, they will be able to appoint a receiver and manager for a charity. Much of the new legislation

is based on the 1987 efficiency scrutiny by Sir Philip Woodfield, commissioned by the Home Office. But the act also includes many of the recommendations of an NCVO report in 1986 called Malpractice in Fundraising for Charity. This called for legislation to increase the powers of the Charity Commis-sioners, to bring an end to bogus fundraising. The new act was considered essential for a sector which now has an estimated turnover of £17

billion and is growing daily.
The NCVO coordinated lobbying on the act as it went through parliament, and was responsible for a large number act will reduce opportunities

for fraud by trustees, increase public confidence and make charities more accountable, although charities will need extra training and support to meet new responsibilit

A new regime of accounting for charities is introduced by the act, giving the home secretary power to prescribe the form and content of statements of account. Charities which persistently fail to submit annual reports to the commissioners will be committing an offence. Undischarged bankrupts and anyone convicted of any of-fence involving dishonesty or deception are disqualified

from becoming truste The act also makes it an offence to organise a public charitable collection without authorisation and gives charities the right to apply for an injunction to stop un-authorised fundraising. People who give money after a television, radio or telephone appeal will also be able to cancel donations in certain

circumstances. The act also makes charity trustees more responsible for the management of invest-ments and winds down the investment-holding function of the Official Custodian for Charities, a government body that has managed investments on behalf of more than 40,000 charities.

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NEA wishes every success to NCVO and its Charities for Change' campaign

NEA was established as a service of NCVO in 1981. For further information about the work of NEA contact: 2/4 Bigg Market, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1UW. Tel (091) 261 5677.

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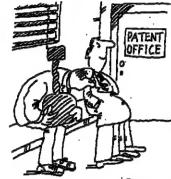
THE World Health Organis ation has issued a warning that a highly drug-resistant form of malaria has emerged in Cambodia. It is resistant to melloquine, developed in the mid 1980s. Hiroshi Nakajima, the WHO director-general, said that 370,000 refugees due to return to Cambodia from Thailand in the next few weeks under United Nations supervision, were at risk. "If Cambodia cannot get enough drugs, there may be a tragedy," he said.

Civilised find

AUSTRALIAN archaeologists have uncovered a 4,500-yearold fortress in the sands of Arabia at Tell Abraq, north of Dubai, covering 10 acres and once home to more than 1,000 people, which proves that early civilisation was more widespread than thought. "This is the largest settlement yet discovered, and looks to be the best preserved." Professor Daniel Potts of Sydney university said.

Leap and bound AN American inventor, John

Dick, has demonstrated a set of artificial legs that enable the wearer to bound across the countryside in huge leaps. The SpringWalker is strapped to the



back, and feet are put in shoes attached to spring-loaded metal feet. Body weight compresses the spring, which uncoils and propels the wearer along. A powered version, not yet available, might allow users "to go loping around like an all-terrain

vehicle", Mr Dick says. Smoked out

ROBERT Bonner, the US Drug Enforcement Agency administrator, has refused a petition to change marijuana's classifica-tion under the Controlled Sub-stances Act, in spite of claims that it alleviates the suffering of patients with cancer, glaucoma, and Aids. The drug's claimed medicinal qualities were false, dangerous and cruel, he said.

Tumour hope SINGAPORE researchers have

become an effective weapon against cancer tumours, a senior vernment scientist has said. Y. H. Tan of the Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology said that MHC. a gene missing in the cancer cells of laboratory mice, had been inserted into cells and reinjected into the animals, killing the tumours. "We don't know exactly how it works, but it alerts the immune system to kill the cancer cells," he said.

Dried up

THE collapse of the Soviet Union has meant a crisis in the gathering of ocean data, Unesco says. Soviet research ships once provided more than a third of the data for the Integrated Global Ocean Services System, a network for gathering oceanographic information. The main shortfall now is data on salinity. vital for following currents and ocean stratification.

Research gift

RESEARCH to develop a blood test for tuberculosis, which still kills 3 million people a year, will start at the Regional Department of Infectious Diseases and Tropical Medicine at Manchester's Monsail Hospital. It is funded by the British Lung Foundation with a gift of more than £2,000 from the Allen & Hanburys pharmaceutical

What happened to white heat?

Nigel Hawkes reports on why science looms

small on the election manifestos of Britain's

main parties

n the next five years, science and technology could bring us gene therapy, supercheap solar cells and an answer to the riddle of global warming. From the fundamental particles of matter to the global circulation of the oceans, new theories and fresh understanding are promised. And, of course, there will be surprises, unexpected discoveries

that will help shape the world of

the next millennium.

Few hints of this are be found in the manifestos of the three political parties, published last week. Gone are the days when the Labour party sought to inspire by evoking the white heat of technology, as in 1964; last week's manifesto devotes just one paragraph to science, which reads in ull: "Labour's minister for science will develop a national strategy to promote high-quality science and technology, so that Britain can better anticipate and respond to the challenges of the future".

Exciting, eh? The Conservative manifesto hardly sets the blood racing, either. We read: "British science has an unrivalled reputation for ground-breaking research. We believe in investing in scientific research because it enriches the quality of our lives and provides the feedstock of industrial innovation.

Nor are the Liberal Democrats much bolder. They promise to increase the government science budget to 0.35 per cent of GDP. and raise it steadily thereafter, but they can afford to promise money which they know they are unlikely to be called upon to find. After a decade in which budgets

have been tight, many scientists will warm to the Liberal Democrat pledge, however unlikely it is to be met. Younger scientists may be more attracted by Labour's prom-



DNA fingerprinting: a British idea that was successfully commercialised, but how many others have failed?

ise to tackle the career problems that are growing acute in many laboratories. (This promise does not appear in the manifesto, but is made clear in a useful summary of all three parties' positions in the spring issue of Science and Public Affairs.) In The Times yesterday, 19 leading scientists nailed their colours to Labour's mast, deploring what they describe as the draining of optimism from the scientific community and evok-ing the years before 1979 as a lost golden age.

With unhappy timing, the manifestos arrived at a moment when an initiative dating from that era was collapsing. Inmos, the semiconductor company set up by a

Labour government in 1978 and inventor of the transputer microprocessor — the "computer on a chip" - was announcing that it planned to stop producing the device in its plant in Newport,

The transputer is one of Brit-

ain's few successful semiconductor

inventions in recent years. Recently it won the endorsement of IBM, which decided to use the device in the control mechanism of its computers. But Inmos, now owned by SGS-Thomson, the French firm, says that it does not make sense to spend the E50 million or so that is needed to upgrade the Newport plant for volume production.

The transputer saga epitomises British hamfistedness in dealing with advanced technology. Set up and financed by Labour, it was shunned by the Tories, and sold off first to Thorn-EMI, and then to SGS-Thomson. As a result a successful device created in Britain will be commercialised by a French company and made in

Rousset, southern France. What do the parties propose to change this throwing away of inventive talent? Curiously, they all have exactly the same answer, and it is German. With an uncanny similarity of phrasing, they endorse an identical concept for speeding the flow of new ideas from universities into industry.

This unanimity is a feather in the cap of the Centre for Exploitation of Science and Technology (Cest) and of the Prince of Wales's Working Group on Innovation, the two organisations that introduced the idea of Faraday centres into public dialogue.

The three parties do not use this

term in their manifestos: the Conservatives call them centres of technological excellence, Labour calls them Technology Trusts, and the Liberal Democrats regional technology transfer centres. But all three mean the same.

The Fraunhofer institutes in Germany are the main centres for promoting new technology in in-dustry. They carry out contract

research and provide a centre where young scientists and engineers work for higher degrees on subjects of industrial importance. They transfer ideas between higher education and industry, bridging a gap that in Britain has often yawned alarmingly wide.

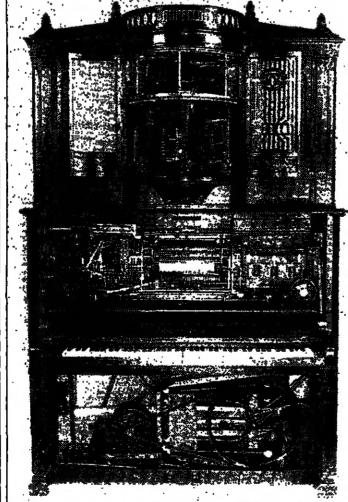
Dr Bob Whelan, chief executive of Cest, was the first to suggest that the German idea could be successfully transplanted to Britain, in a report published last year. He now admits to feeling "pretty pleased" that all three parties have recog-nised its worth. Dr Whelan does not expect the Faraday centres to have the answer to all the difficulties that beset innovation in Britain. "The gap between universities and industry is an important factor in the British failure, but only one of a whole host of reasons why innovation is not working properly", he says.

e is also enthusiastic about a second idea floated in the interim report of the Prince of Wales's Working Group on Innovation, the creation of "Cities of Innovation". The idea envisages universities, polytechnics, local government and industry as trying develop plans for making the best of their local expertise, per-haps even competing for a City of Innovation award, along the same lines as the European City of Culture scheme run by the European Commission. This would possibly recapture some of the vigour shown by Victorian city fathers in promoting their regions.

The agreement over Faraday centres, even if all three parties call them different things, may be evidence that old divisions over technology policy are narrowing. The Inmos saga is unlikely to be repeated in quite the same form in the future — though no one who has watched Britain's erratic progress in the past believes that creating a new set of institutions

will be enough to transform it. The cultural attitudes that underlie British failure are too deepseated for easy change. As Sir Christopher Cockerell, the inventor of the hovercraft, pints out, the reason why so many British prod-ucts do not sell is because they are not good enough; and the reason for this is that manufacturing industry can neither attract nor hold the country's best brains. An election will not change this; what is needed is a cultural revolution.

High notes on a pianola roll



A statement of its elegant case: the Hupfeld Phonoliszt-Violina

A pre-war musical mechanical wonder

is enjoying a remarkable renaissance

shapes of the latest elec-tronic organs at the Frank-furt Music Fair, the Hupfeld Phonoliszt-Violina in its polished wood case staked its claim to being one of the most remarkable mechanical music machines of the 20th century. The Phonoliszt-Violina consists of three violins and a piano, powered by bellows and controlled by a pianola-style roll. The violins are orchestral ones, but each instrument's strings are tuned to a single

pitch, D, A and E. A series of hydraulic tubes operates pads that recreate the finger movements of a human player while a circular bow, which must be given plenty of resin, circulates over the violins as each is pushed into the playing pos-ition by instructions transmitted

by the paper music roll.

Nobody knows how many of the 1925 instruments were built originally, as most of them were destroyed during the second world war, and there are now only about 70 left. Siegfried Wendel, owner of the Mechanisches Musikkabinett museum just outside Frankfurt, was determined to

have one for his collection.
Unfortunately, he had only the bottom half of an original instrument with the engine and piano keyboard, while the late Frank Holland had the top half, which included the three violins, in his Musical Museum in Brentford. Neither man was prepared

and is being planned for early next

Clark Ross and RMAS Newton.

scientists to test Britain's first

robot submarine, which was un-

veiled at Oceanology Internation-

al 92 in Brighton earlier this

year, hopes to use the RRS James

The scheme will also allow

to sell, so the reproduction instrument was built by dismantling the two halves and copying the individual components.

The first reproduction instrument, completed last December, took nearly ten years to build. Three have so far been sold to collectors in Japan and two have gone to the United States at \$164,000 (£96,500) each. Mr Wendel is now in Japan, hoping increase sales in the home of the modern electonic organ.
The Phonolizst-Violina, in a

agnificent cabinet of contrasting woods and veneers, stands about 8ft high in sharp relief to the electronic wizardry of the latest electronic organs from Japan that are not much bigger than a piano. The Electone from Yamaha, for example, can re-produce 151 instruments from a violin to a flute using digital recordings of the real in-struments, 66 different rhythms and 115 percussion sounds, all of which can be programmed through computer discs. These can also provide extra sounds and effects to be used by the player while he or she plays the double manual keyboard.

The Electone is expected to cost

about £30,000, and Yamaha hopes to sell about 3,000 worldwide. These new sounds are all a long way from the gentle drawing room sounds of the Phonolist-Violina and its pianola roll.

DAVID TYTLER

This week sees a welcome reissue of a famous series of comics that explain important ideas

Big theories brought to book

he re-publication of a series of books that take a highlyoriginal approach to the popularisation of science takes place this week.

Fans of the comic-book style

pioneered in the late 1970s by Richard Appignanesi and the Writers and Readers Co-operative will be delighted to see classics such as Freud for Beginners and Einstein for Beginners back on the bookstalls. On Thursday those two titles, plus Darwin for Beginners and Ecology for Beginners, will be launched under the imprint of a new company, Icon Books.

These four titles have been unavailable since 1986, when the co-operative went into receiver ship, but by then they had proved the charms of a serious text married to often hilarious graphics. They were translated into 12 languages and had worldwide sales of more than a million copies. The charm of the books is undiminished. The have the vig-

our, jokes, and occasional vulgarities of a comic strip, but tell a serious story. "The books aim to simplify ideas, but they don't patronise our readers" Mr Appignanesi says. "They are rooted in the liberal British tradition of self-education and robust

Hogarthian illustration". Who buys them? All kinds of

people, he says. "They have a very wide appeal, to younger students, A-level candidates, people who want to know about important subject but shy away from heavy books. The bookshops are groaning with books on Freud and Darwin, but people look at them and say, "Where the hell do I start?"

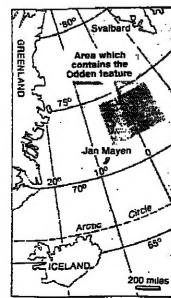
Our books lead people into a subject, they find it interesting, it's seductive, then the bibliographies may lead them on to other books." Some of the buyers are unexpected, he admits. The Kensington branch of the Conservative party placed a big order for Marx for Beginners. More predictably, perhaps, 200 copies of Freud for Beginners have already been ordered by the Freud Museum.

The authors are serious people like Jonathan Miller, who wrote the Darwin title, and Joseph Schwartz, a former professor of physics at City University in New York, who wrote Einstein for Beginners. Dr Schwartz is thrilled that the book is being reissuedagain: "I've always really liked it. Einstein is such an icon, people think they'll never understand relativity. But when I talk to people who have read the book. I often find they have understood much more than they realise."

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A British team plans to investigate a phenomenon that controls carbon dioxide in the oceans

Icy tongue to lick global warming?



Natural order: Odden feature two to three-month period in the

British scientists are to launch an expedition to the Greenland Sea to study a vast, tongue-shaped sheet of ice called the Odden feature.

The tongue, a 300km square sheet of rapidly growing and shrinking ice that forms from the normal ice edge in eastern Greenland, is believed to be crucial in ordering the climate and could be one of the most important natural events helping to prevent global warming. The project is part of the Winter Greenland Sea

Research indicates that the feature plays a role in transporting large quantities of carbon dioxide, the gas linked with global warming, from the surface of the seas to the ocean floor, where it becomes

trapped. Scientists suspect that, over a winter, the rapid melting and to observe and take measurements freezing of the Odden feature of the phenomenon as it happens. leaves high concentrations of salt in the surface sea lavers.

This then makes the surface sea water denser than the layers underneath, causing it to sink to the ocean floor in plumes or channels of about a kilometre wide, and carrying carbon dioxide

Apart from the Odden feature, only two other places in the world, in the Labrador Sea and the Weddell Sea. carry out this unique

Peter Wadhams, director of the Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge, which is orchestrating the mission in collaboration with the Admiralty, said: "About 20 per cent of the carbon dioxide absorbed by the oceans as a whole is got rid of in this way."

The project, which will attempt

The autonomous underwater vehicle, developed by Marconi Underwater Systems with some

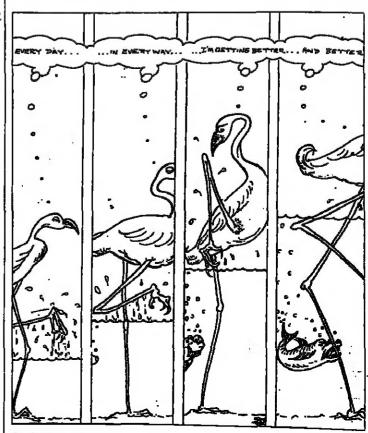
backing from the trade and industry department under its Wealth From The Oceans initiative, is capable of operating unaided for 300km in icy waters. The company adapted torpedo and defence electronics to develop the 6 metrelong vehicle.

The device, bristling with sonar scanners and sensors able to gather information on sea tem-

and marine life forms, will be used to measure the thickness of the Odden feature.

The research has presented the Marconi team with enormous technical challenges. For example, the vehicle and its instruments. when launched from a support ship, must be able to withstand air temperatures as low as minus 40 deg C before plunging into the Arctic waters.

Andy Tonge, project leader at Marconi in Waterlooville, Hampshire, said the company hoped to begin testing the robot in a flooded quarry in the Somerset hills in three weeks' time. These trials will be followed by tests throughout the spring and summer off Weymouth and Aberdeen before the Arctic



NICK NUTTALL | Evolution easily explained: an extract from Darwin for Beginners

Whether helping young people to avoid the HIV virus or putting up anti-smoking posters, health educators are always busy, says Bernardine Coverley

Putting health on everyone's map

surgery capture the headlines, health education, or health promo-tion, has come into its own. Well publicised reports such as heart disease in urban male Scots, and earlier findings about children's tooth decay, have highlighted links between diet and health. The popularity of exercise as good health practice is another example of public response, with a fast growing industry of fitness stu-dios. The World Health Organisation's push to improve health significantly by the year 2000 is

also adding impetus. However, it is in advertising that health education is designed to have most impact. At the Islington health promotion office of Bloomsbury & Islington District Health Authority. Athena Daniels's cosy office is decorated with many fine examples. "Alcohol, no thanks I'm pregnant" and "The worst dope in town" speak for themselves while "It doesn't have to be hell" encourages sensible diet and

Ms Daniels is health promotion

women's and children's health. The emphasis, she says, is no longer just on teaching. "Now the key word is enabling. We make people aware of the effects of lifestyle and environment and get them involved in staying healthy." The health promotion department includes several HIV advisers, a project worker and a senior officer responsible for initiatives on smok-

ing, drinking and diet.
They work with schools, community groups and health centres and run courses for nurses, teachers and home helps who are often on the frontline of changes in healthcare. Home helps who are generally accustomed to the elderly, benefit from training on the needs of young, disabled people who are now encouraged to be as independent as possible.

Even the most intransigently unhealthy person can be reached. It is a measure of the change of attitude towards health that No Smoking Day is no longer an annoying campaign by a small group of activists, largely ignored and quickly forgotten. Since the success of the no-smoking areas in trains, buses, public places and offices each publicity day gains more attention and the reasons behind it more acceptance.

Information from the Health Education Authority and charities like the Meningitis Trust is circulated through the Department of Health authorities. "We keep a catalogue of leaflets, videos and books and encourage borrowing by health centres and any local groups," says Ms Daniels.

Since the days of Florence Nightingale health education, like nursing, has attracted women. This is changing with the broad-ening scope of health work and it is often a second career after experience in social sciences, teaching or community work, with many more men in evidence. Jobs within the health field reflect the usefulness of these backgrounds; drug abuse; women and HIV prevention: the health problems of low-income families.

Michael Collins finds his teaching experience in Dublin and England invaluable in his present job for Rugby NHS Trust. He is



Gina Warrilow advises drug abusers in north London: "It can be very stressful but it's not all crisis."

responsible for training and education in HIV prevention for young people and describes his work as "pro-active". As sole worker in his particular niche everything he initiates he puts into practice in addition to administer-

g the budget. Rugby is a market town with eight secondary schools, youth centres, a further education college and a youth custody centre on the borders with Coventry. As adviser he works with teachers on

how to bring up the subject of HIV prevention, and why.

"Since education is all we have to prevent the spread of the virus I have to convince people. It's not presented as a topic in isolation but as part of people's lives and relationships. I bring in being assertive because peer pressure is very strong and moralising has to

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Miss Warrilow has a Certificate

of Qualification in Social Work QSW) and a Diploma in Health Studies. The next obvious step is management but she prefers the direct approach. "It can be very stressful but it's not all crisis. I'll always push paper aside for the human response. I like people."

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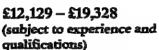
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1. To adopt the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 1991.

To re-elect Mr Peter Baring, who retires by rotation, as a Director of the Association. 3. To re-elect Mr Brian Richardson, who retires by

rotation, as a Director of the Association. . To re-elect Mr Colin Edward Hughes, who retires by rotation, as a Director of the Association. To re-elect Mr John David Neville, who retires by

rotation, as a Director of the Association. b. To re-appoint Price Waterhouse as Auditors of the Association to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.

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That the draft Rules and Regulations of the Association, which are submitted to the meeting and a copy of which has been signed by the Chairman for the purposes of identification, be and are hereby adopted forthwith in place of the existing Rules and Regulations of the Association.

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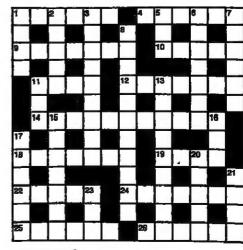
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(2191095) 12.55 Regional News and weather (60723279) 1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (82434) 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (27323219) 1.50 Turnabout. Word power quiz game. The question-master is Rob Curling (23723255)
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10.50 Film 92 with Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are High Heels and Freejack in addition Michael Douglas discusses his new film Basic Instinct (s) (565231)



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11.20 Private Eye. A feature-length introduction to a new private detective series set in 1950s Los Angeles, Michael Woods stars as a former policeman who inherits his dead brother's detective agency and its rock'n'roll-loving junior partner (Josh Brolin) (392366)

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9.00 Quantum Leep. Off-best science fiction series starring Scott Bekula as a time-trapped scientist, tils week turning up in June 1954 as a playboy adventurer who reappears after being absent for a period of three years to prevent his former wife from remarrying (Ceefax) (s) (534231)



Pioneering DJs: Stephen Williams and Muriel Young (9.50pm)

9.50 40 Minutes: Farewell, Fab 208. CHOICE: Radio Librambourg flourished as a breath, pop-orientated sitemative to Sir John Reith's science BBC. At its peak the "station of the stars" attracted audiences of up to nine million. Small boys, including the lyricist Tim Rice, would listen under the bedclothes in school dorms. Then came the pirate stations and the bedicities in school dorms. Then cerns the prace stations and the BBC's own Radio 1 and at the end of last year Luxembourg finally went off the air. It is now svaliable only by satellite. John Pitmen's film is an effectionate tribute built around the memories of such Luxembourg luminaries as Pete Murray, Jimmy Savile and the 83-year-old Stephen Williams, who can claim to be the station's first disc jockey. It is a film of enecotion rather than analysis, helped least the station set bleed and well the clies. The first tone is

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12.20 Open University: ISC — Drive for Quality (8861729). Ends at 12.50

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5.10 Blockbusters. Quiz game (8227892) 5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (415)

Children's drama series (s) (3259453)

6.30 Themes News. (Oracle) (446279)
6.55 Party Election Broadcast by the Labour party (858250)
7.00 Emmerdale. Scap set in the Yorkshire Deles. (Oracle) (8589)
7.30 Solve My Problem. The first of three programmes in which Sus Lawley invites voters to question representatives of the three main parties on matters of concern. Tonight's subject is money (279) 8.00 The BILL Re-Hab. On DCI Jack Meadows's first day at Sun Hill he

clashes with Det Supt Douglas. (Oracle) (4889)

8.30 Men Behaving Badly. Last in the comedy series starring Harry
Enfield and Martin Clunes as flatmates vying for the attentions of
their attractive upstairs neighbour (Leslie Ash). (Oracle) (s) (6724)



Kindred spirits: Rita Tushingham and Denholm Elliott (9.00pm)

© CHOICE: A romantic drama by the seasoned N.J. Crisp (Colditz, Secret Army) has Denholm Elliott perfectly cast in one of his archetypel roles as an elderly loser. He plays a widower who is suddenly sacked from his job at a Savile Row tailor after 32 years. Seeking comfort in a lonely hearts column, he meets a kindred spirit (Rita Tushingham) in a tea room. Although the piece relies too much on the contrivences and coincidences that belong more to fiction them file, it is warm-hearted, skilfully crafted and immaculately played. The director is the distinguished Mei Zetterling. Sunday Pursuit is HTV's contribution to an international series of 27 short films on the theme of love at first sight. There is no indication when we might see the other 26. (Orac

9.30 That's Love. Domestic comedy starring Jimmy Mulville, Diana Hardcastle and Tony Slattery. Last in the series. (Oracle) (98237)

Herdcastle and Tony Slattery. Last in the series. (Cracle) (98237)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Julia Somerville. (Cracle)
Weather (71989) 10.30 Thames News (734873)
10.40 Extraordinary People: Return to Gaza

© CHOticE: Last week's film by Dr Pauline Cutting followed her
return to Lebenon where she had tended Palastinian victims of the
civil war. With the war happily over, she could concentrate on the
human dimension and sidestep the politics. Tonight there is no
nuch possibility, despite her insistence at the start that she is a
doctor and not a campaigner. She is visiting the Gaza strip where
laraeli forces control an Arab population of 800,000, meny of them
living in refugee camps. Cutting does her best to project a
disinterested and humanitarian desire to help Palastinian victims
of the struggle and never tries to apportion blame. But the deeper of the struggle and never tries to apportion blame. But the deeper she travels in this tense and unhappy land the more the film becomes a catalogue of israeli atrocities, most vividly in a man's account of how his son was beeten and left to die. (Oracle) (344366)

(344305)
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (534347) 12.30 Video View (34038)
1.30 Shady Tales starring Adam Faith (r) (4350099)
1.40 The Equalizer (4245903)
2.30 Donahue. With couples from America's top sitcoms (33187)

4.30 Entertainment UK. Arts navs and reviews (s) (96293)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (19090). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Dally (3165569) 9.25 Schools (54552279)

12.00 Nosh's Ark. Spanish documentary series about the nature and environment of Venezuela (61502) 12.30 Business Daily. The latest news from the world's financial centres

1.00 Sesame Street. Entertaining early-learning series (18908)
 2.00 Film: Pygmetion (1938, b/w) starring Leslie Howard and Wendy Hiller. Classic adaptation of George Bernard Shaw's play, later to

become the musical My Fair Lady, about a speech professor who bets a friend he can pass off a Covent Garden flower seller as a duchess. Wilfrid Lawson is a splendid Doolittle. Directed by Anthony Asquith (526927) 3.45 Disabling World: Third Wave With Mavis Nicholson. A report

on an elderly couple whose lives have been blighted by Alzheimer's, the disease to which the wife fall victim. (Teletext) (2352618)4.30 Countdown. Another round of the words and numbers game,

presented by Richard Whiteley (892) 5.00 It's A Dog's Life. Mike Fuller explores the Canine Biathlon competition (r) (6347)

5.30 D'Art. Sir lan McKellen talks to Ray Harrison Graham about access to the theatre for deaf actors and audiences (144) 6.00 Treasure Hunt. Annabel Croft scurries over the Malvem hills on the comands of two Londoners, John Campbell and Peter

Steadman (1) (98144)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Telefaxt) Weather (607279)

7.50 Yoters. Three of the Romford electorate discuss general election issues that are important to them (883231)

Disabling World: People First. The first of a two-part examination of anti-discrimination legislation. (Teletext) (5231)



Oscar-winner: Daniel Day-Lewis with Fiona Shaw (8.30pm)

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8.30 Film: My Left Foot (1989).

● CHOICE: Jim Sheridan's biopic of the Irish writer and artist Christy Brown is a natural entry for the Channel 4 disability week. The success of the film lies in striking the right note. Christy's bettle with cerebral palsy is heroic but never sentimentalised. Both Deniel Day-Lewis as the edult Christy and Hugh O'Conor as the younger version give performances that compel sympathy without glossing over the pain, Indeed the film is uniformly well acted and the award of Oscars to Day-Lewis and to Brenda Fricker, who plays Christy's mum, was deserved it unexpected. Sheridan's influence is probably greater in the screenplay, a joint effort with Shene Connaughton, than in direction which refuses to intrude and lets the admirable cest have its heads. Ray McAnally and Fiona Shaw shine in supporting roles. (Teletext) (67728453) Shaw shine in supporting roles. (Teletext) (67728453) 10.25 Disabling World: The Year of the Patronising Bastard. Andrew

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11.15 Disabiling World: Interface. The first of a three-part series in which Jinnie Jeffries uses psychodrama to examine the tangled world of relationships between disabled and non-disabled people. (Taletext) (454811)

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11.45 Midnight Special presented by Sheena McDonald, includes a Labour party political broadcast (694182)

1.45 Films Staticase (1969). Botched comedy starring Rex Harrison and Richard Burton as two ageing homosecusis sharing a flat above the barber shop they run. Directed by Stanley Donen (356670). Ends at 3.30

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6.55cm Weather, News Headines 7.00 Morning Concert: Manuel Cardoso (Magnificat); Norveez (6 diferencies on "O gloriosa domina"); Scarlatti (Sonatas In 8 flat, K 544 and K 545) 7.30 News

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7.35 Norming Concert (cont): Wolf-Ferrari (Overture, Il Segreto di Susarma): Mozart (Plano Trici in B flat, K 252; Bach (Cantata No 11; Löbet Gott in

semen Reichen)

8.30 News

8.35 Composers of the Weet:
Krussen (Music for a Pupper
Court); Hollowsy (Nursery
Rhymes); Krussen (The Way
to Castle Yonder: Hums and
Songs of Winnie-the-Pooh);
Holloway (Seconde in G) Holloway (Seranade in G) 9.40 Brahms and Beyond: Er Three Motets, Op 110:

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1.05pm Newsgate's Garland: Broadside Band under Jer Barlow performs songs from John Gay's three balled operss, The Begger's Opera, Poly and Achilles

Nakano, harpsichord) 4.35 Portraita in Brace: Tim o' th' Barn Band under Pe or Barm Band unider Peter Bassano; sound projection Tim Souster and Andrew Lawia); Bill Conner (Pano Concerto: Kathryn Stott; Seller Engineering Band under Philip McCarn); Michael Ball

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Heydri (Quartet in C, Op 20,
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8.10 You Ain't Heard Nothing Yet, by Jonathan Trettel, Read by Andrew Sachs (1), 8.30 Schubert (Quartet in D minor, D 810, Death and the Maiden) 9,20 Drame Nov: Prometheus in

10.35 BBC Scottleh SO under Alfred Walter performs Wagner (Prelude and . Liebestod, Tristan and Isolde); Lebesto, Instanting Boloej Berg (Violin Concerto: Josef Suk) 11.30 News Composers of the Week: Borodin (Sextet in Diminor, in

the Monestery. Petile Suite; Prologue, Prince Igor; Symphony No 3 in A minor) (r) 1.00-2.05am Night School (except in Scotland) (r) 2.20-3.10 Night School Extra

(a) Stareo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 8.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 5.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, Incl 8.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 6.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.65 Thomas 7.55 Weather 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.58 Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Election Call: 071-799 5000. Voters are invited to call Robin Cook, Labour's health spokssmen 10.00-10.30 A Hack Goes West (FM only): The concluding part of Dylen Winter's American

iture along the Oregon adventure song the Unigon Trail (s) 10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 The Bible (LW only); Lamentations. Read by Alan

10.30-12.00 Campaign Report (LW only) 10.30 Worm m's Hour: Jermi Murray talks to conductor Janet Canetty-Clarks about all-women orchestras, Incl 11,00

11.30 Medicine New, with Geoff 12.00 You and Yours, with Debbie Thrower
12.25pm Quote... Unquote: Nigel
Rees hosts the quotation
game from the Swan Theatre
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in Stratford-upon-Avon 1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie (LW only from 1.40) 1.40 The Archers (FM only) (r) 1.40 The Aveners (FM only) (r)
1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 Thirty-Minute Theatre:
Whispers. In Dave Simpson's pley, Edward de Souza is a politician whose double-file and the wife and ble selections. with his wife and his mistress is jeopardised when the latter

becomes pregnant. With Ann Windsor and Barbara Marten 2.30 The Politics of Choice (LW only)
2.30 Richard Baker Compares
Notes with composers
Elizabeth Parker and Peter

Howell of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop (s) 3.60-4.00 Campaign Report (LW

only) 3.00 Tuesday Lives: Juanna Buchan with extraordinary stories about ordinary people (s) 4.00 News

Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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2.55 She's Out of Control (1989): Teny Denza's daughter grows up (8 4.25 When You Remember

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 8.16 The Seagual (1969): Sidney Lumet's adaptation of Cheirboy's play (80001637)
 8.40 Frankle and Johnny (1969): Ewis Presley musical (64489589)
 10.29 Just Around the Corner (1936, b/w): Stantag Shirley Temple (81062714)
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2.15 The Ca-Bow Incident (1943, b)/w): Wastern shout a tynch-mob (5745057)
3.35 Jeselos Lange: It's Only Mako-Ballere (500583)
4.35 Three Fighters in the Land of Fentiary: Children's adventure (5150000)
6.15 Island Sons (1967): Four brothers search for their missing fuller (650705)
8.15 A Shriul Life (1989): Aritis North lights for custody of her child (28253144)
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12.00 The Witzurd of Lorseliness (1999): A boy goes to Rve in Vermont (732283)

SKY SPORTS

Gooder's Evening Session 9,00 Van Monison. An appreciation by Paul Gambaconi (r) 10.00 Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night 12,00-4,00am Bob Harns (FM only)

FM Stereo 4.00mm Steve Madden. The Early Show 6.15 Pause for Thought 6.30 Brate for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jensity Young 2.00pm Gloris Hunnford 3.30 Ed Stevent 5.05 John Durm, incl Answera, Please 7.00 An Actor's Life For Me (3 of 7) 7.30 Philip Becon's Pause Cottection (4 of 6) 8.00 Potent Cushmen's Songbook: An exploration of Amencan popular song (1 of 6) 9.00 Deansat Chris David Fouter presents a musical portrail of Chrisopher Hassall 10.00 Sounds Latin 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05em Jazz Parade 12.35 Alex Lester with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

and the Squad 2.30 World Service Health Matters: 2.45 Your World, 3.05 Outlook, 3.30 World of Books; 4.05 What Do Muslims Beterre? 4.35 Five April 7.15 Ballet Snoer 7.30 School Days: Prizegiving A play by Tom Holf and Steve Naften 8.00 Popcell: 0345 999933 9.00 Mutritired, 3 9.30 Box 13 The Dead Man Walts 10.10 Earshot, and 11,00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News, Sport 4.25 Cricket World Cup The final from the Melbourne

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RADIO 3

Polly and Achilles
2.00 Music Weeldy (r)
2.45 BBC Scottleth SO under
Takuo Yuasa, with Yu
Yasuraoka, violin, performs
Stravinsky (Concerto in D for
Strings); Miyoshi (En Passani
Yoshimatsu (The Age of
Birds); Poulenc (Suits, Les
Biches) (r) Birdiss); Pouenc (Sums, Lee Birdiss) (r)) Barroque Chember Music: Mondorville (Sonate in G, Op 3, No 5); Leclef (Sonate in G, Op 9, No 4); Bach (Sonate in C minor, BWV 1017; Simon Standage, violin, Shinichtro Nekano, herpsichord)

MCLarmi; Micrae Sall (Microurner Music: Besses o' th' Bern Band) 5.30 Mainty for Phessure, with Natale When 7.00 Name 7.05 Third Ear: Ben Okri talks about his new poetry collection, An African Legacy 7.30 Pebble Mill: The Colorado

> Evm. Irej Jannatie-Ataie's tale of the destruction of a dissident writer in Evin, an Irenian prison. With David Rintoul

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RADIO 4

4.05 Kaleidoscope learns about Georges Simenon in The Man Who Wasn't Maigret at the Bloomsbury Theatre; and Simon Rattle, the conductor of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, talks to

Symphony Orcheštra, talks to a young audience (s)
4.45 Short Story: The Chestrut Colt. June Barrie reads Frances Bellerby's story
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 6.55 Weather
5.50 Six O'Clock News
6.50 No Commitments: Sisters of Mercy. First of a six-part series by Simon Bratt, writer of After Henry. With Rosemary Leach as Anna (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20-6.06 Fetal Reaction (FM only)

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CHOICE: Impressively presented, although flawed because its America-based conclusions are not put to the British police for comment, this is a File on 4 inquiry into the shooting dead by police lan Gordon last August and lan Bennett 12 weeks ago. Both men carried weapons that were either take or non-lethal. Both had a record of mental illness. And both, concludes Geny Northam's report, died needl because of current British police strategy. American factics for dealing with "irrational subjects". graphically described tonight, are said to have a high success rate

7.29 Women's Hour (LW only) (r) 8.00-9.00 Campaign Report (LW e.00 Science Now (r)

B.00 Science Noter (r)
8.30 Age to Age (r)
9.00 in Touch, with Peter White
9.30 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financiat World Tonight
(s) 9.59 Weather
19.00 The World Tonight, with
Richard Kershaw (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Blazing
Paddles, written and reed by
Brian Wilson (2 of 5)
11.00 The Radio Programme, with
Lauric Taylor (s) (r)
11.30 Election Platform
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27
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